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Time is like a river current that is absolute. The river flows downward, without changing course. This is an escape from the river's flow....

This is a story of three people who cross time and space to find each other, in an attempt to change destiny. But with a powerful satellite, a secret code and the future police on the hunt, an amnesiac who may be the key to everything must first uncover the true nature of her past...in order to discover who her friends are in the future.

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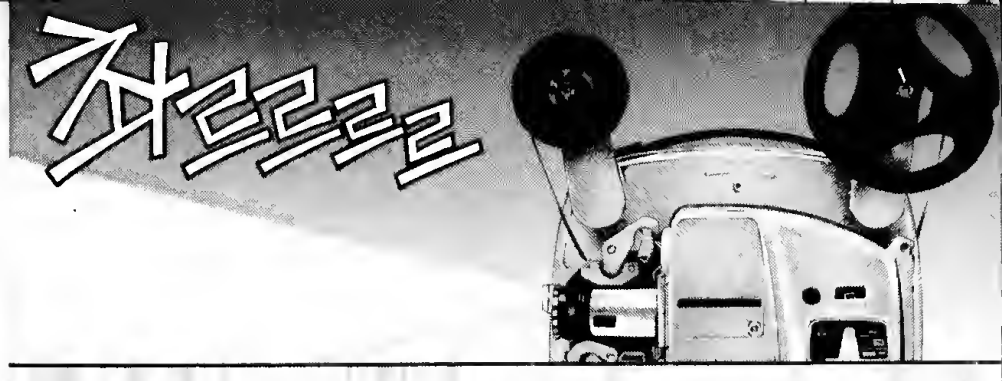
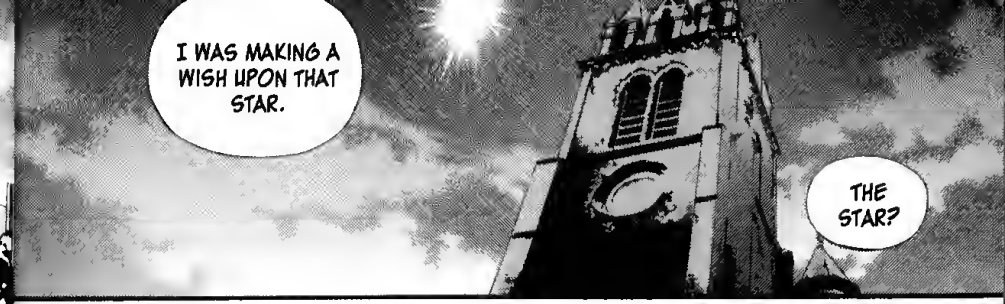


Time is like an infinite, flowing river.

It surges forward, steadfast, unchanging.

But this unyielding course is not without escape routes and veiled egresses.

This is the chronicle of two who became one, defying the fates that conspired to keep them apart.

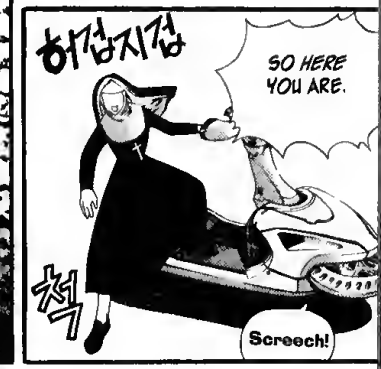

I WAS MAKING A WISH UPON THAT STAR.
THE STAR?

YUN-WOO, YUN-WOO!
끼이이

WHERE ARE YOU, YUN-WOO?

OH, REALLY? IT'S STILL EARLY EVENING BUT IT'S SHINING SO BRIGHTLY!
IT IS, ISN'T IT?

YUN-HEE, YUN-WOO!!
워어엉

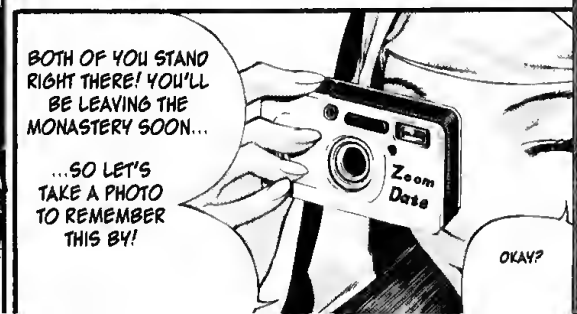

하얀지갑
SO HERE YOU ARE.
Screech!

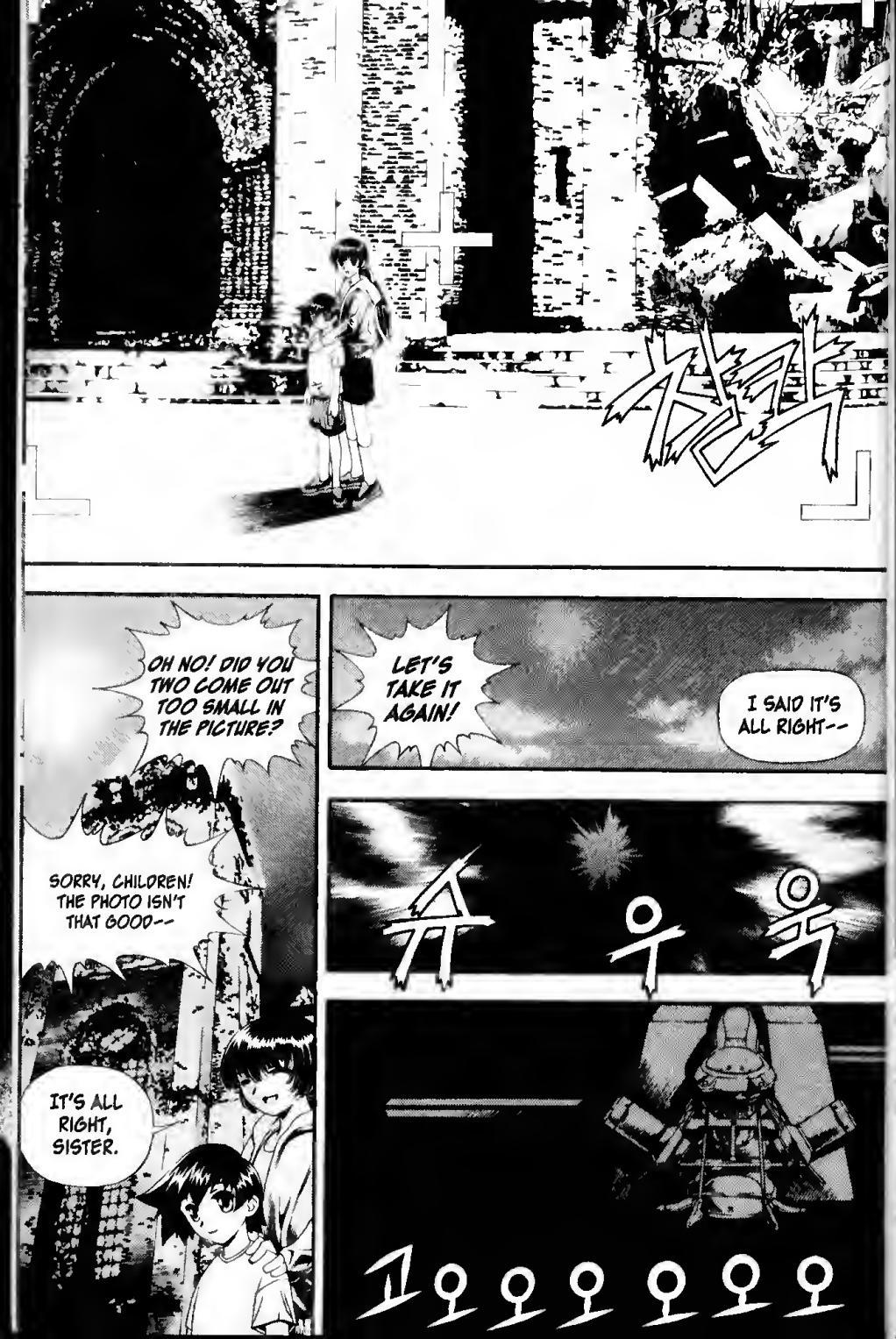
IS THAT YOU, YUN-WOO?!

THE STAR.
스윽

YOU TWO NEED TO GET READY. YOUR NEW PARENTS ARE ARRIVING SOON!
OKAY, SISTER!

찌잉~
OH! WAIT, WAIT!


BOTH OF YOU STAND RIGHT THERE! YOU'LL BE LEAVING THE MONASTERY SOON...
...SO LET'S TAKE A PHOTO TO REMEMBER THIS BY!
Zoom Date
OKAY?


OH NO! DID YOU TWO COME OUT TOO SMALL IN THE PICTURE?
SORRY, CHILDREN! THE PHOTO ISN'T THAT GOOD--
IT'S ALL RIGHT, SISTER.
LET'S TAKE IT AGAIN!
I SAID IT'S ALL RIGHT--
슈 우 욱
고오오오오오

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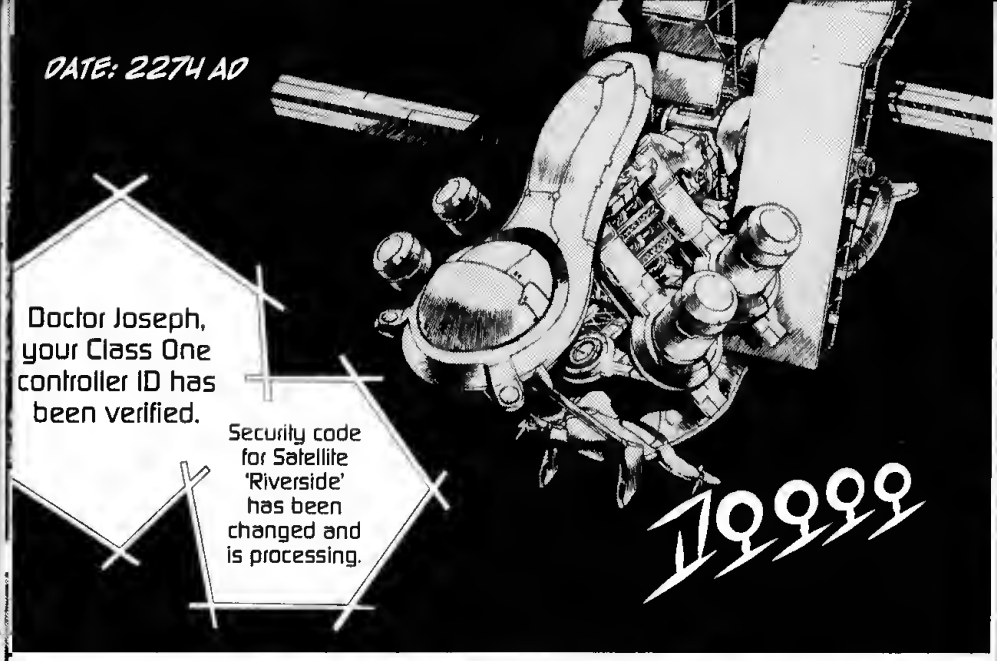
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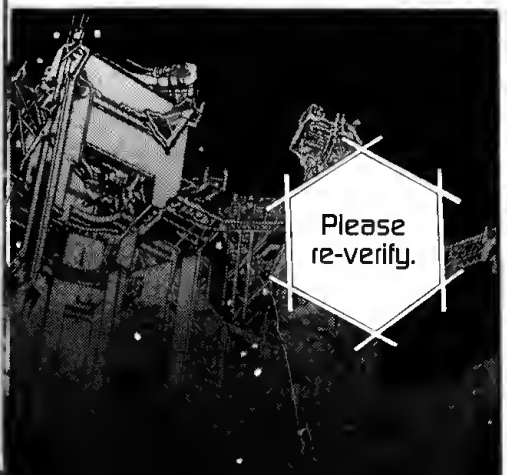
Doctor Joseph, your Class One controller ID has been verified.
Security code for Satellite 'Riverside' has been changed and is processing.

Security code is now resetting.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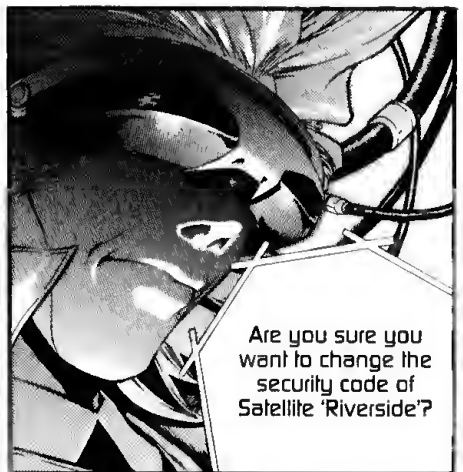
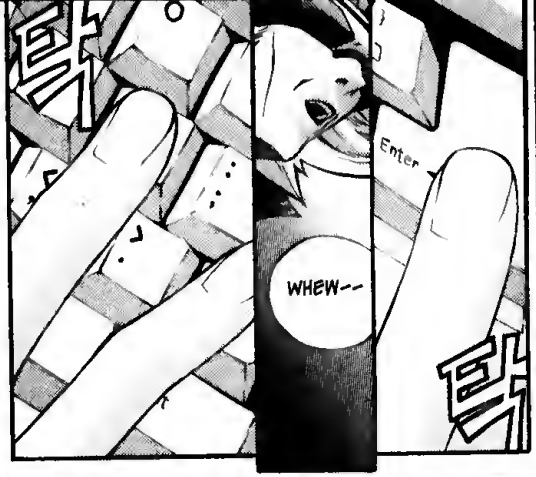
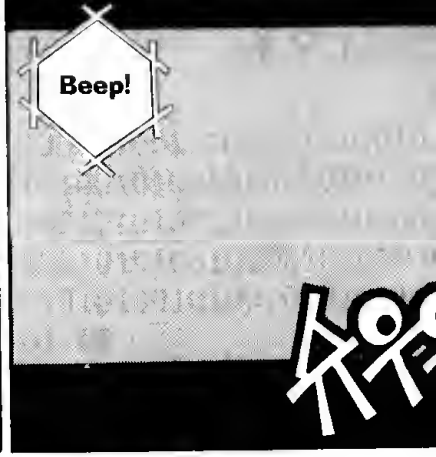
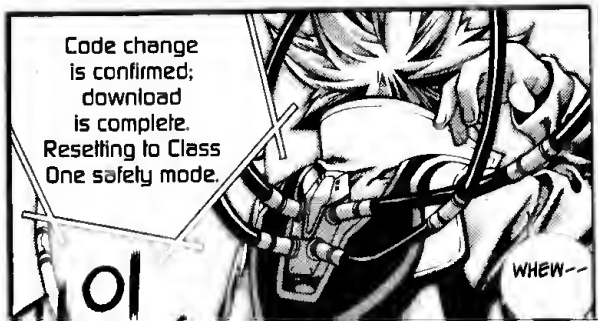

Are you sure you want to change the security code of Satellite 'Riverside'?


Enter
WHEW--


Beep!

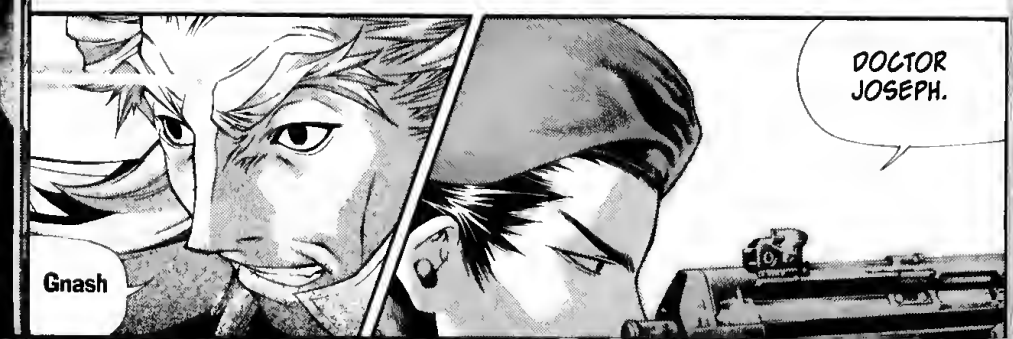
Code is resetting.


Code change is confirmed; download is complete. Resetting to Class One safety mode.
WHEW--

--IT'S DONE.

절뚝
위이잉

컥
절컥


DOCTOR JOSEPH.
Gnash

YOU ARE...

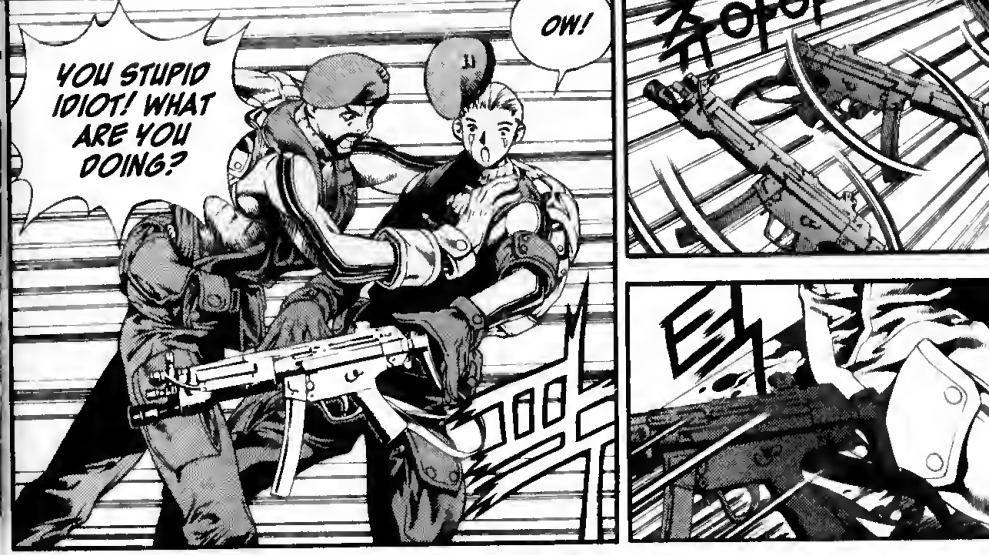
...UNDER ARREST FOR VIOLATION OF...WHAT THE?
WHERE'D HE GO?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT I HATE THE MOST?
A CHRONOID?

AAH!
IT'S...

휘익
쩍
!
슈우

...SOLDIERS LIKE YOU.
부르르
UH...UH...

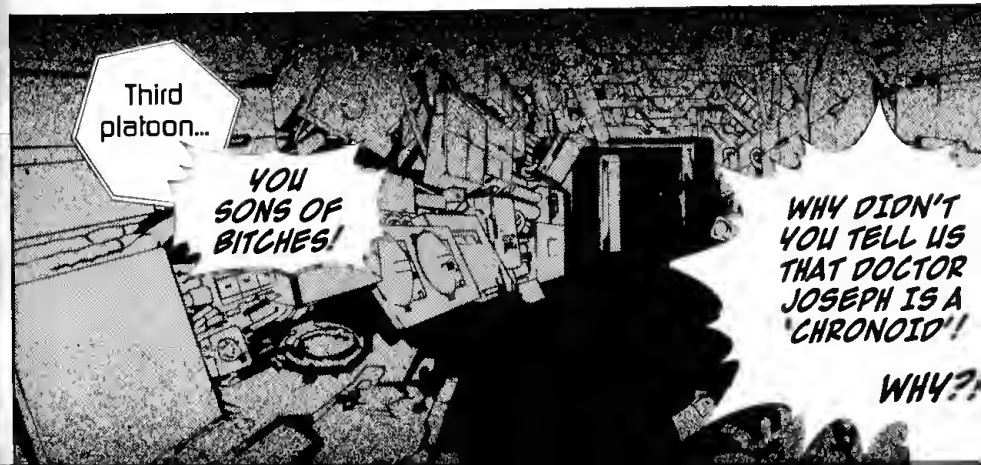

YOU STUPID IDIOT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
OW!
슈아아

AAAHHHH!!

DIE! DIE!!!
타타타타
CEASE ALL FIRE!!

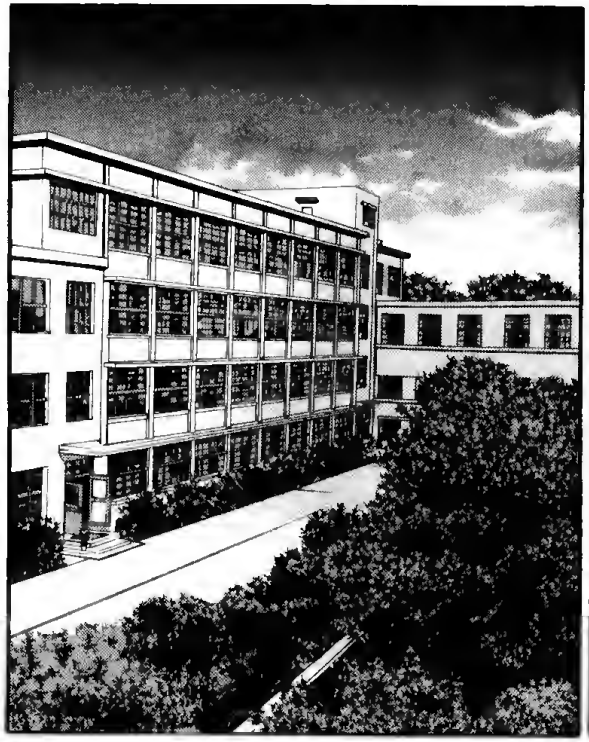
DAMN!
AAH...AAH!

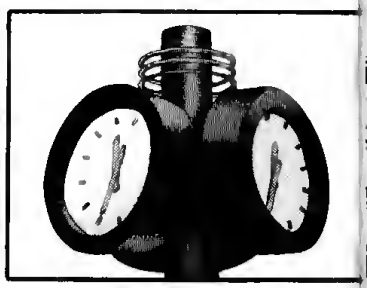
Third platoon respond! Respond!!
BRZT

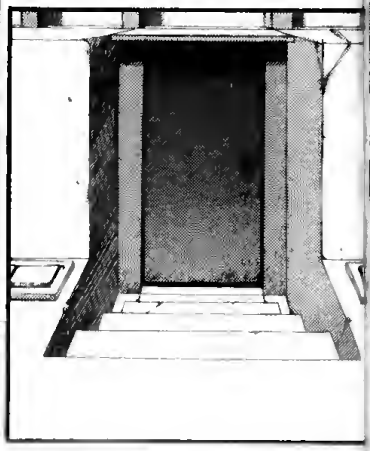

Third platoon...
YOU SONS OF BITCHES!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US THAT DOCTOR JOSEPH IS A 'CHRONOID'!
WHY?!

...INTO THE PAST?
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME. I'LL NEVER DISCLOSE THE SECURITY CODES TO VIOLENT MANIACS LIKE YOU!
THEN, DOCTOR JOSEPH, I'LL SIMPLY KILL YOU AND REMOVE THIS.
AND YOU ARE...?
Attention: 8 minutes until time warp.
Initializing 'G-Chronoid' connection.
BLADE.
FIRST LIEUTENANT BLADE CARRION.
slip
ARE YOU ESCAPING...
AH, LIEUTENANT CARRION! I'M SORRY, BUT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CAPTURE ME.
DOCTOR, OF ALL THE CHRONOIDS IN THE ARMY, I'M THE FASTEST.
REALLY?
SHALL WE PUT THAT TO THE TEST?

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?
AAH!
쿠아아아아
I DIDN'T SENSE HIS MOVEMENTS!
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?!
I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN SOMETIME, LIEUTENANT!
Time warp initiating!
WHAT THE...?!
Lieutenant Carrion--
Mission status?
A FAILURE.
웨이이잉
어이





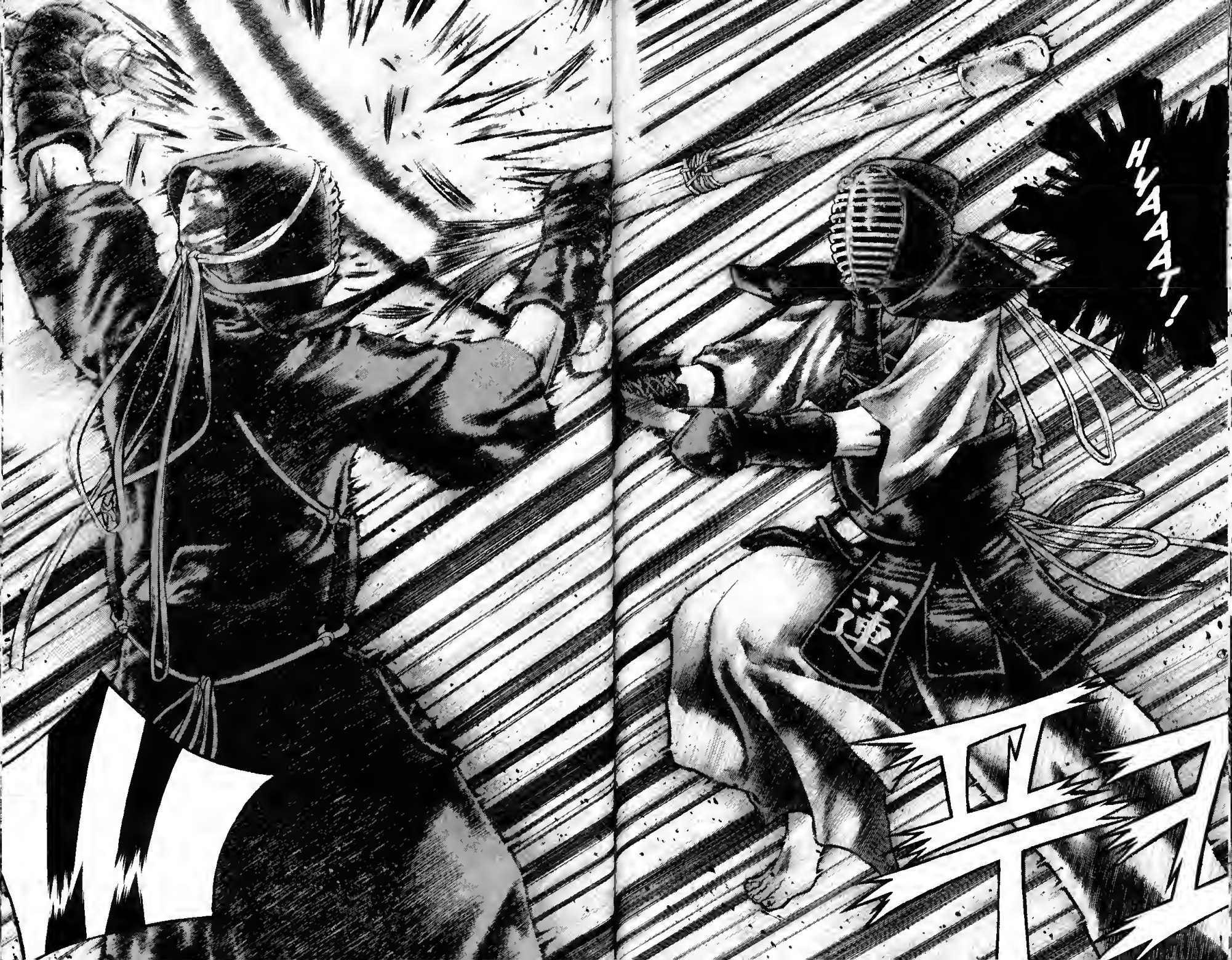


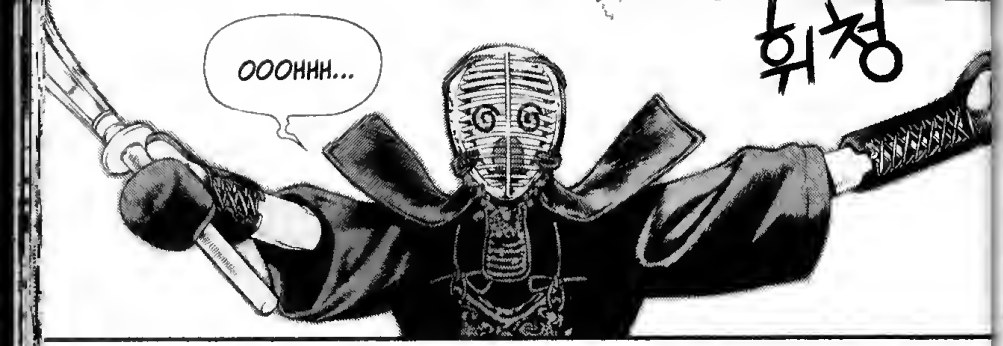
NOTE: Kum Do is a martial arts fencing sport with long bamboo swords, more commonly known in the USA as kendo.

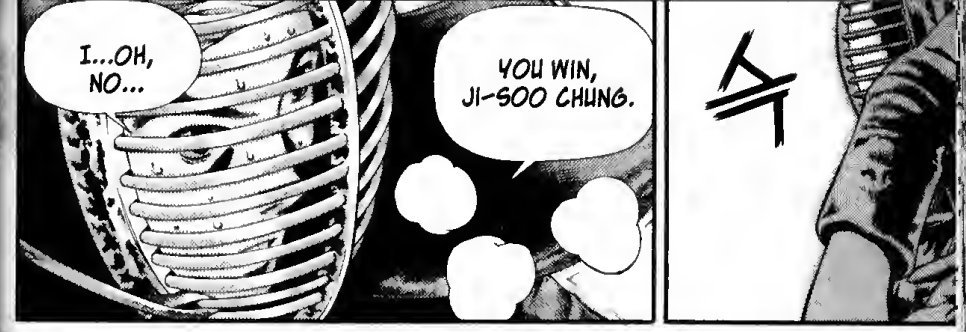
MY TRAINING WILL SPEAK FOR ME. LET'S BEGIN.
ALL RIGHT, HERE I COME!
EK
EK
HAAH!!
ARRRAHHH!
HUUUT!
AHK!
AHK!
HYAAAA!
SHAAAH!
ARRRAAAH!
HAAAR!
EK

UURK--
AAGH!
HUUURRH!!
HA HA HA HA--
!
GAAAK!
YAA!
HYAAA!
AAAH!

러러럭
HUH?
A-AGAIN?
OOOOH--
HAAT!
UHN!
THAT'S IT FOR YOU, JI-SOO CHUNG!!
HUH?
!!
KRK


HYAAAT!


OOOHHH...
휘청


I...OH, NO...
YOU WIN, JI-SOO CHUNG.
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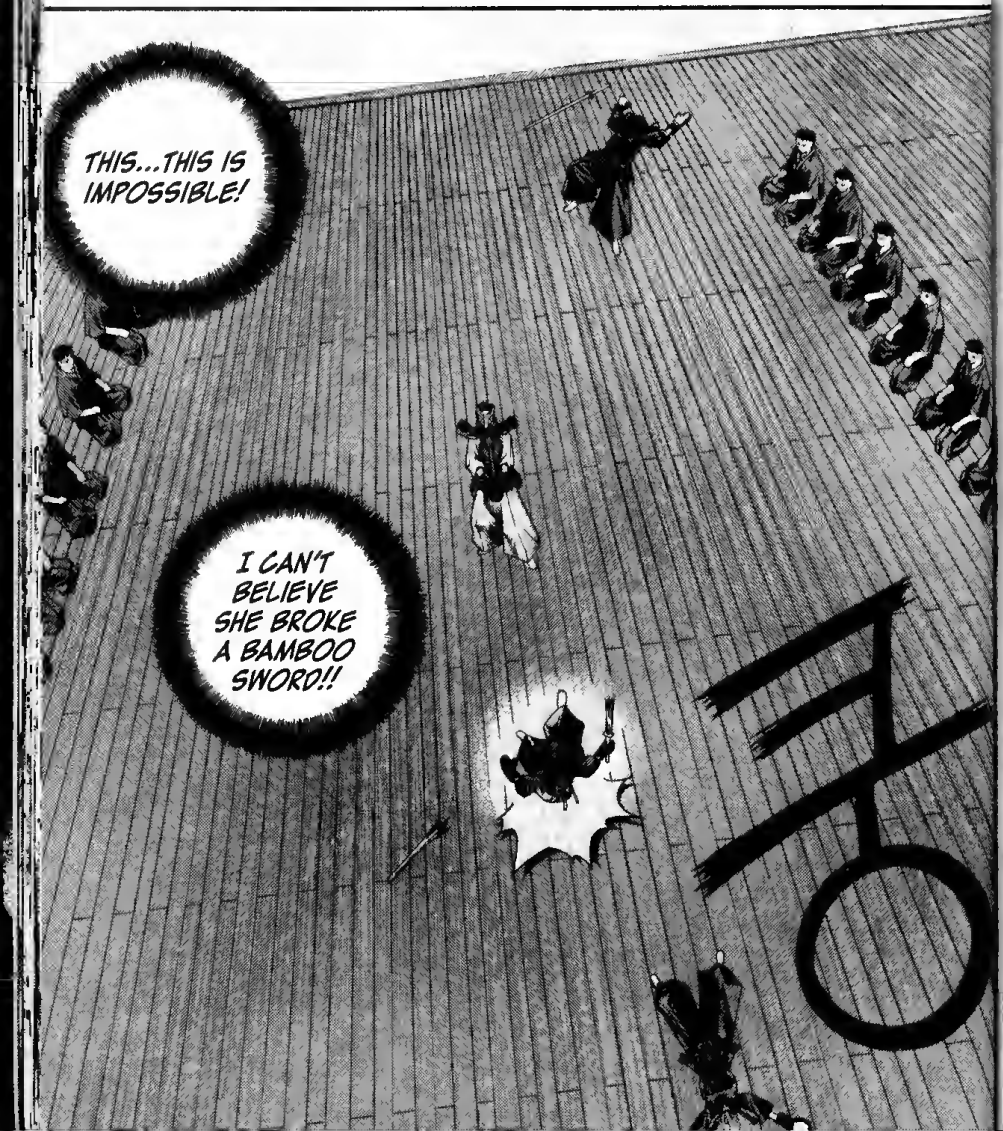
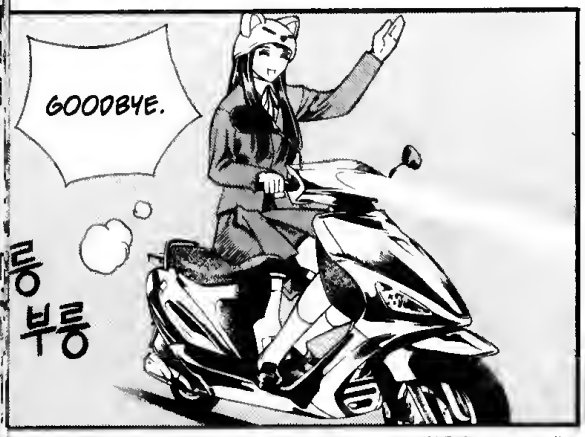
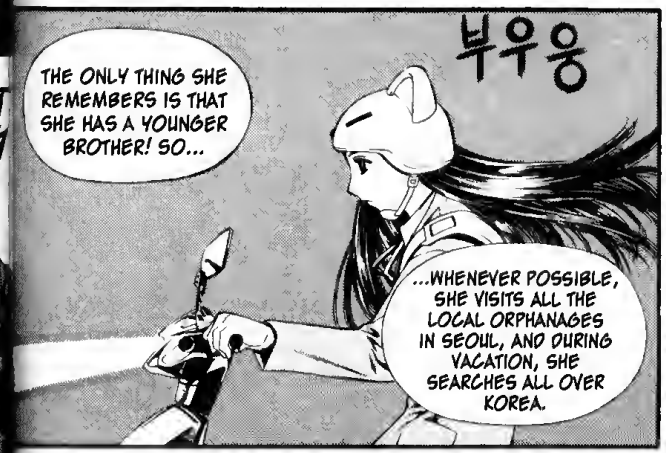
WHEW--
척

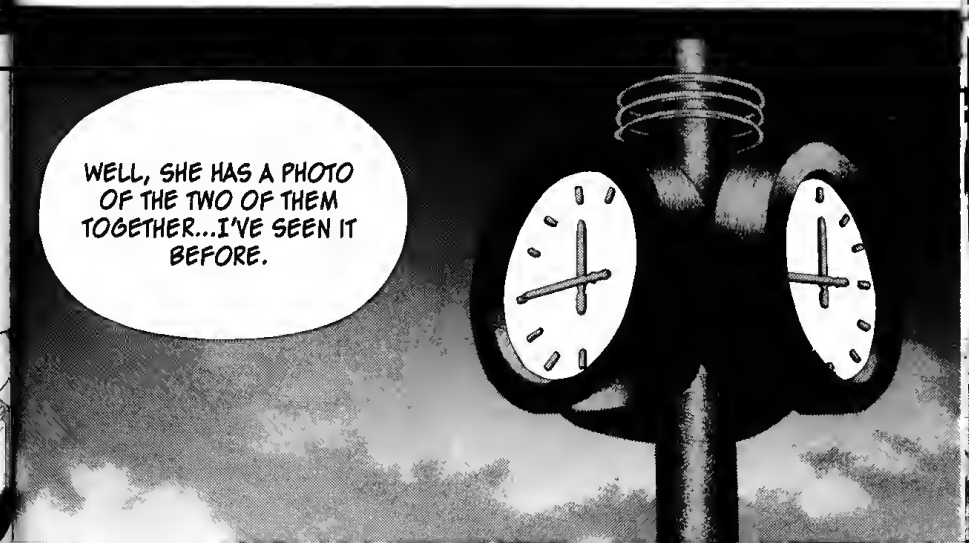

THIS...THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE BROKE A BAMBOO SWORD!!

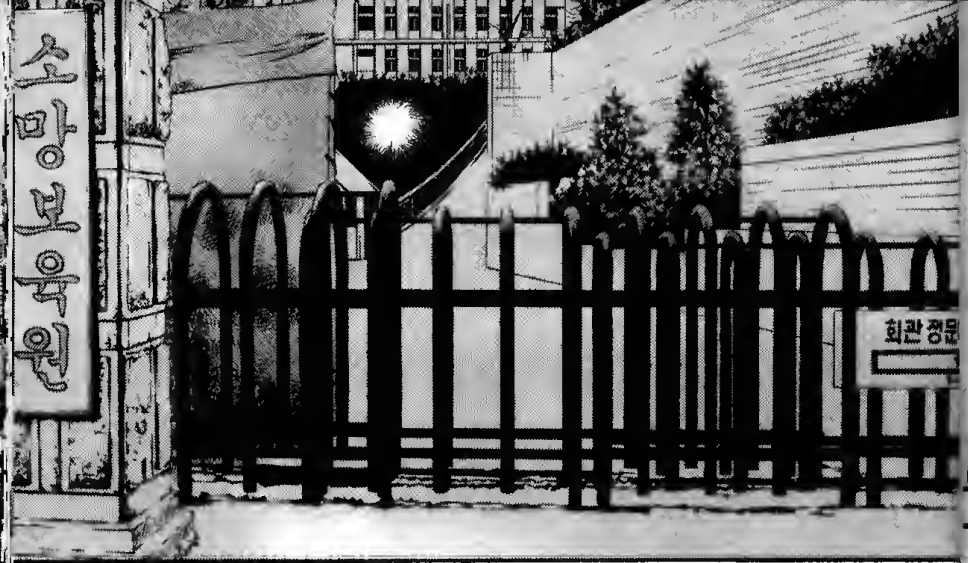
--I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR NEXT MATCH, CAPTAIN.
Hee hee
쭈앗




부우응
THE ONLY THING SHE REMEMBERS IS THAT SHE HAS A YOUNGER BROTHER! SO...
...WHENEVER POSSIBLE, SHE VISITS ALL THE LOCAL ORPHANAGES IN SEOUL, AND DURING VACATION, SHE SEARCHES ALL OVER KOREA.

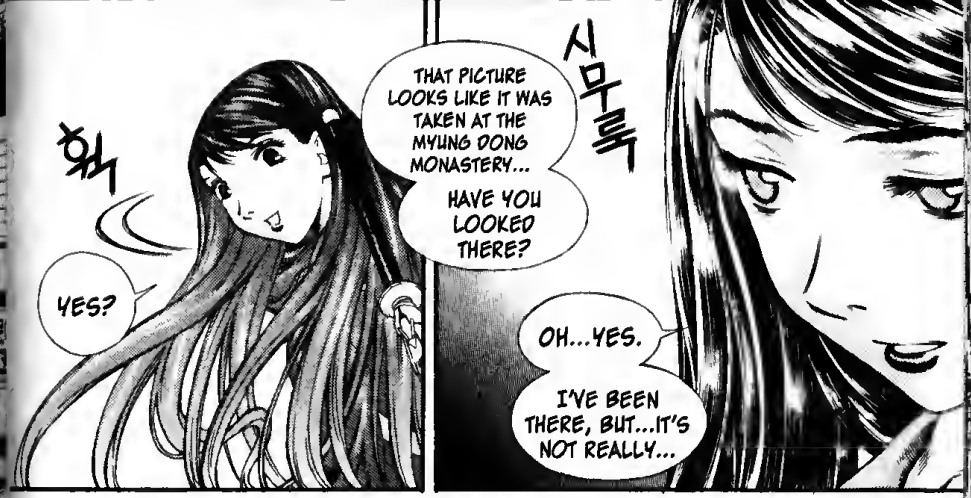
*NOTE: A younger colleague calls an older colleague Sunbae out of respect.

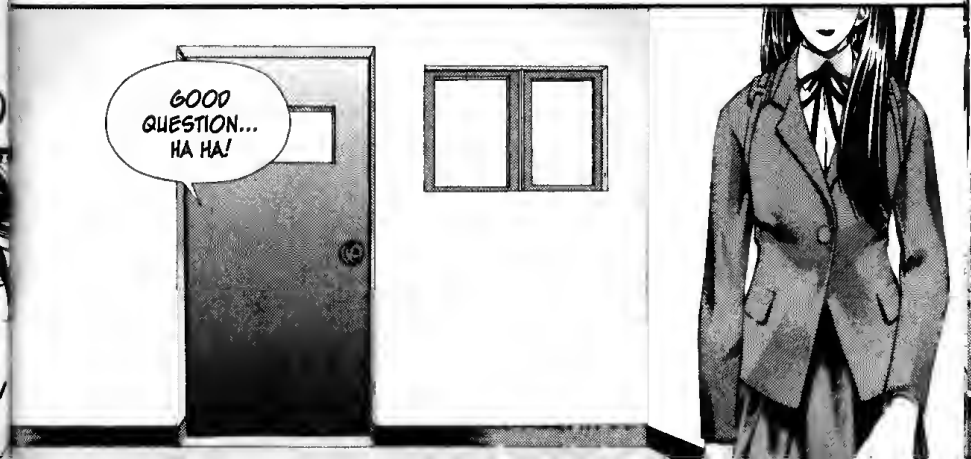


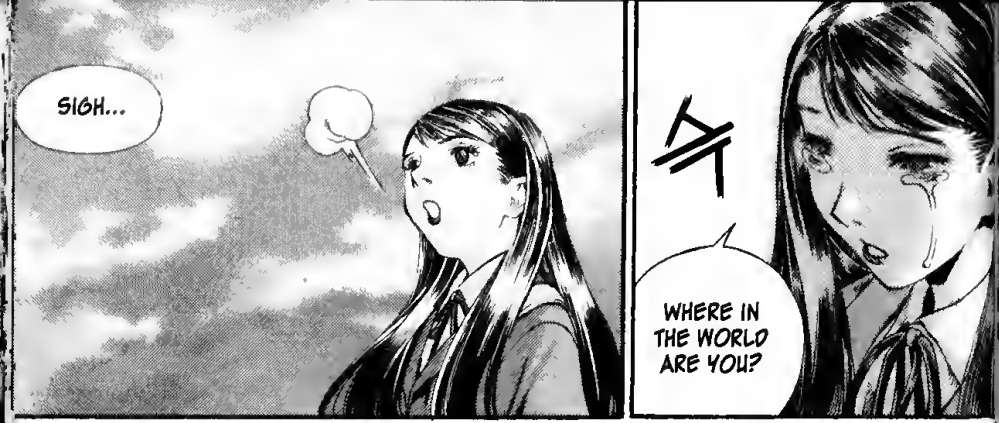


Hope Orphanage

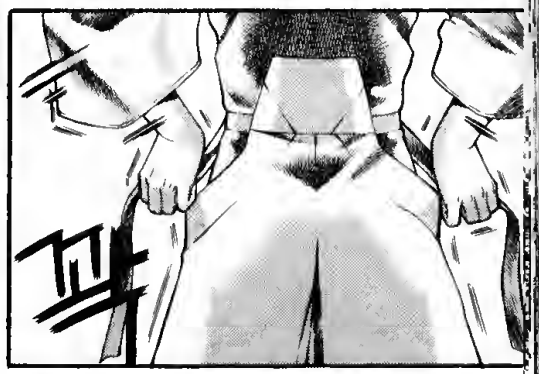
Please use the front entrance


THAT PICTURE LOOKS LIKE IT WAS TAKEN AT THE MYUNG DONG MONASTERY...
HAVE YOU LOOKED THERE?
YES?
OH...YES.
I'VE BEEN THERE, BUT...IT'S NOT REALLY...




SIGH...
WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE YOU?

YUN-WOO...
Drop

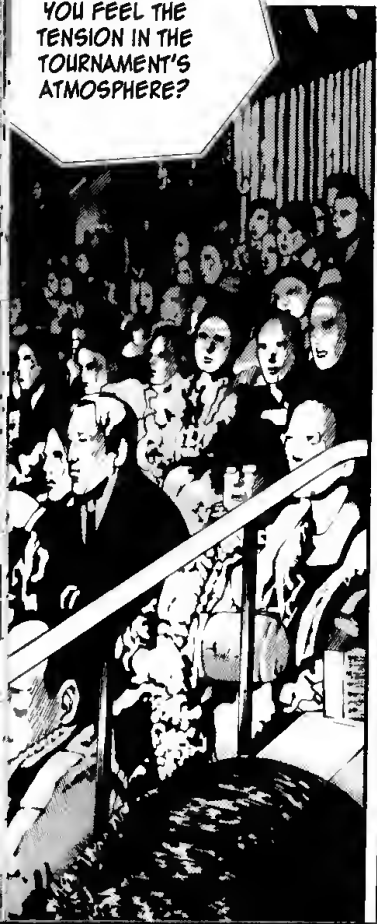


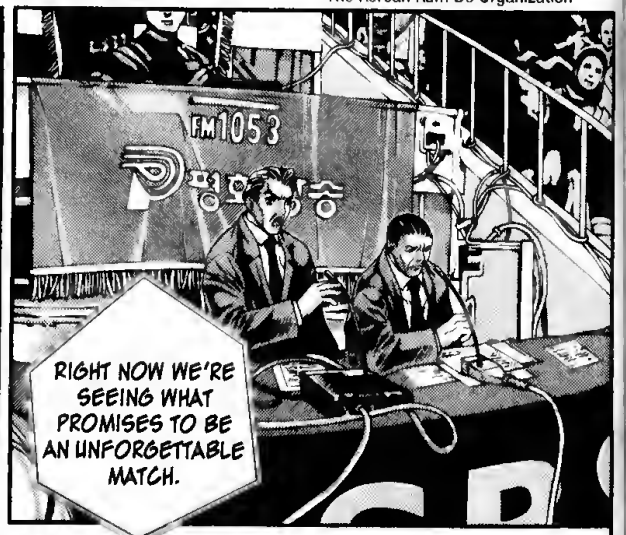
YOU'RE NEXT, JI-SOO SUNBAE.

AND NOW WE HAVE THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' SEMI-FINAL MATCH.
WHEW!
PRESENTING NUMBER ONE-RANKED YU-HAE CHUNG...
저벅 저벅
...AND, BURSTING ONTO THE SCENE JUST SIX MONTHS AGO LIKE A BLAZING COMET...
GOOD LUCK, SUNBAE.
...HAVING ALREADY WON TWO NATIONAL TITLES...
화 — 악
...I GIVE YOU, COMPETITOR JI-SOO CHUNG!

Kum Do National Fall Tournament — The Korean Kum Do Organization

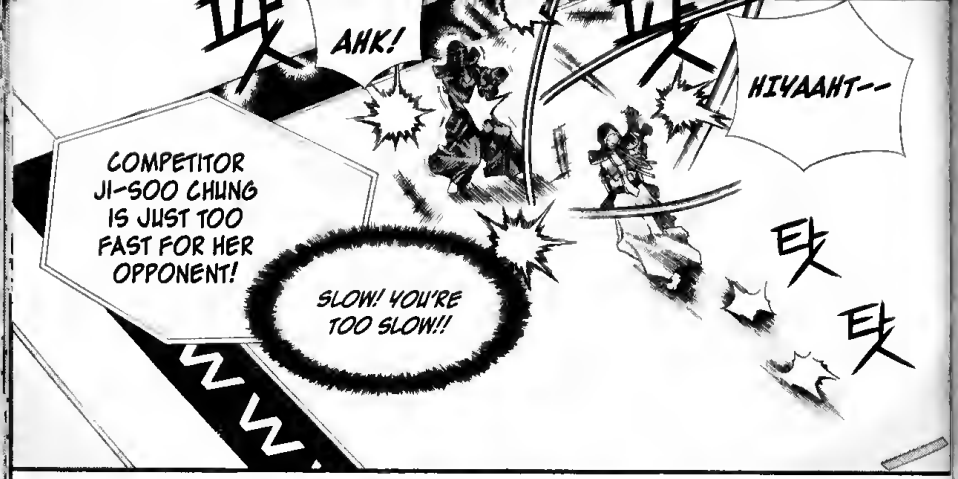
FELLOW SPECTATORS, CAN YOU FEEL THE TENSION IN THE TOURNAMENT'S ATMOSPHERE?





RIGHT NOW WE'RE SEEING WHAT PROMISES TO BE AN UNFORGETTABLE MATCH.

THIS BOUT WILL TAKE THE COMPETITION TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL!


AHK!
HIYAAHT--
COMPETITOR JI-SOO CHUNG IS JUST TOO FAST FOR HER OPPONENT!
SLOW! YOU'RE TOO SLOW!!
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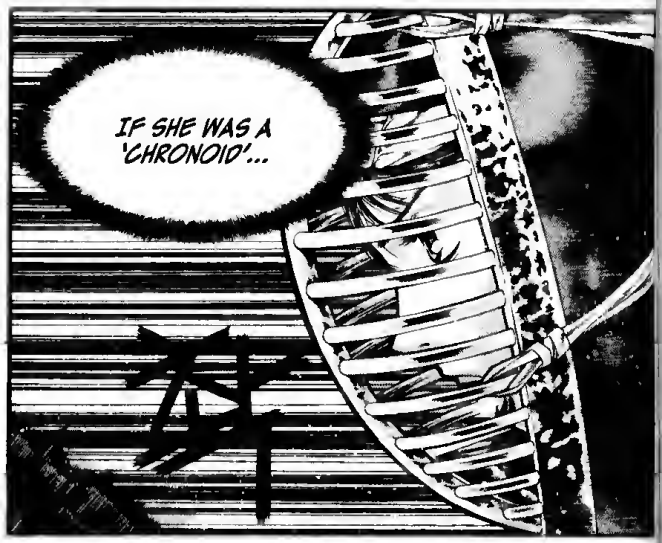
탓

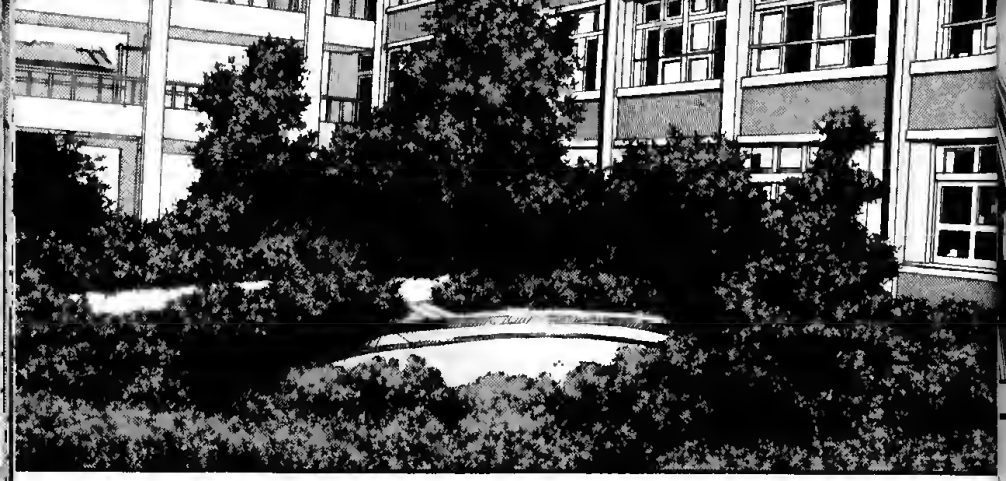
SHE NEEDS TO BE 10 TIMES QUICKER THAN THAT!
YAH!


IF SHE WAS A 'CHRONOID'...

YAH!
...AND IF SHE WERE HIDING HER STRENGTH...

... I MAY HAVE FINALLY DISCOVERED THE BEARER OF THE 'RIVERSIDE' CONFIDENTIAL CODE...!!
THIS IS INCREDIBLE! JI-SOO CHUNG IS THE FINALIST FOR NEXT WEEK'S TOURNAMENT!

WELL, LIEUTENANT BLADE CARRION--ARE YOU EXCITED NOW?



YUN-WOO, DO YOU MISS YOUR OLDER SISTER?
JI-SOO, JI-SOO CHUNG!!

WHAT'S GOING ON?
웅웅
JI-SOO, YOU'RE GOING TO THE FINALS NEXT WEEK? YOU'RE AMAZING!!

YEAH, YEAH, BUT WHY ARE YOU HERE?
짠
OH, I FORGOT!!
놔이~

I SAW THE SENIOR GROUP, THE 21ST CENTURY GANG, ENTERING YOUR KUM DO TRAINING HALL.
WHAT?

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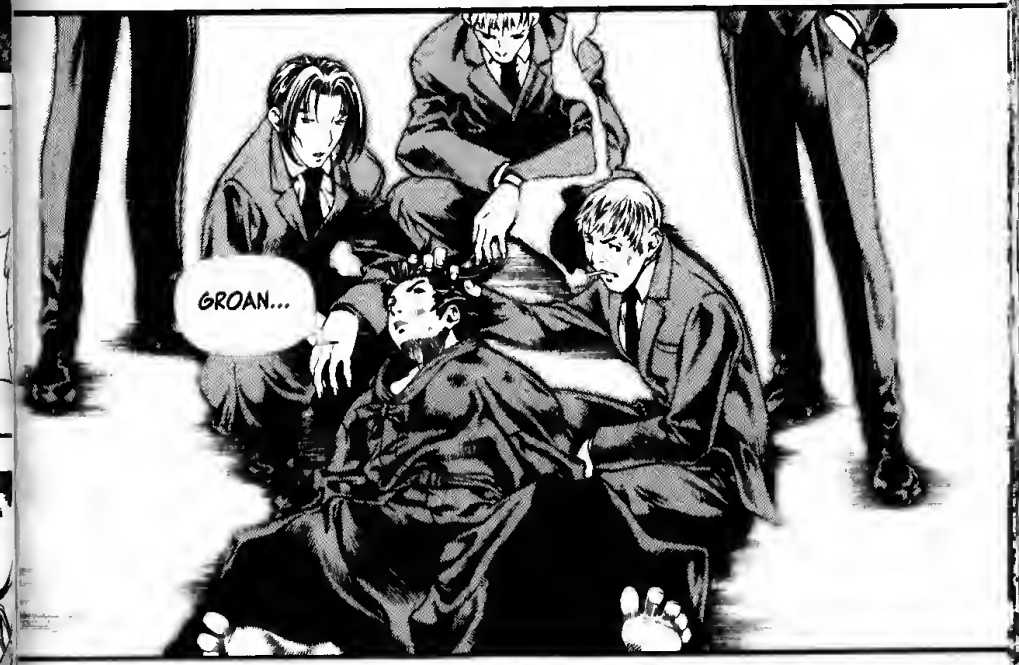
TEAM CAPTAIN!


GROAN...

WHO ARE YOU...
HOW DARE YOU COME IN HERE?!

JI-SOO!
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM? WE'RE HERE BECAUSE THE KUM DO TEAM IS THE ONLY TEAM THAT HASN'T PAID ITS DUES.
AUGH!
PLEASE... THAT WAS BARELY A TICKLE.
툭툭
WHY YOU LITTLE...!!
REALLY?
YOU MEAN YOUR ENTERTAINMENT MONEY? ALL RIGHT, I'LL MAKE SURE IT GOES TO PAY FOR YOUR HOSPITAL BILLS.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING? WHY ARE YOU RISKING YOURSELF WHEN YOU HAVE A COMPETITION NEXT WEEK?!
YOU SAD BUNCH OF SCUMBAGS.
HMPH!
DON'T MESS WITH ME, GIRLIE!!
HUH?
WHO-!!

휘익
OOF!
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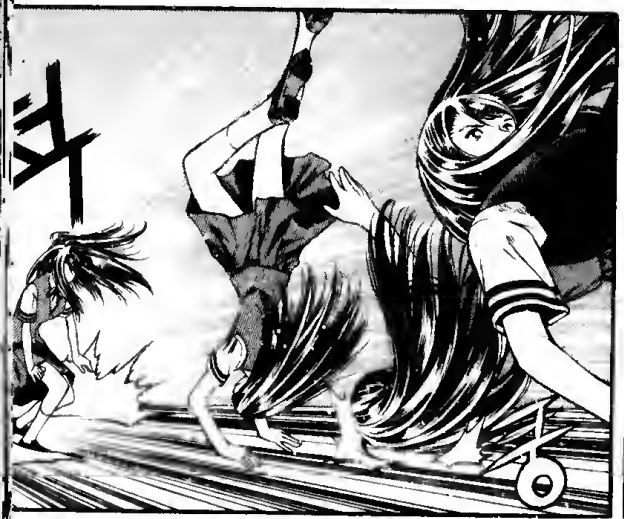
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팔락

OH!

스윽

BOYS, MOVE IN.

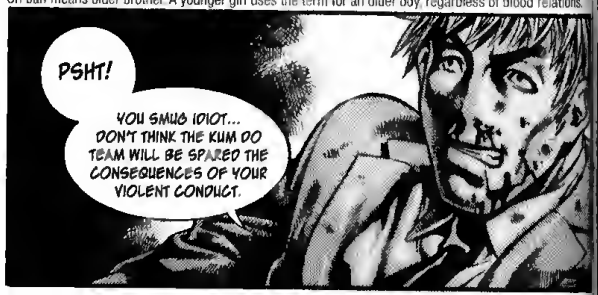
GET HER!!

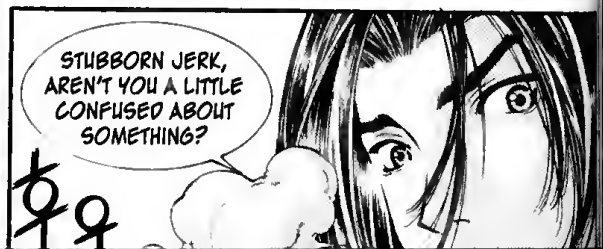
YAH!
HAAAH!
GRAAAH!
퍽
OK

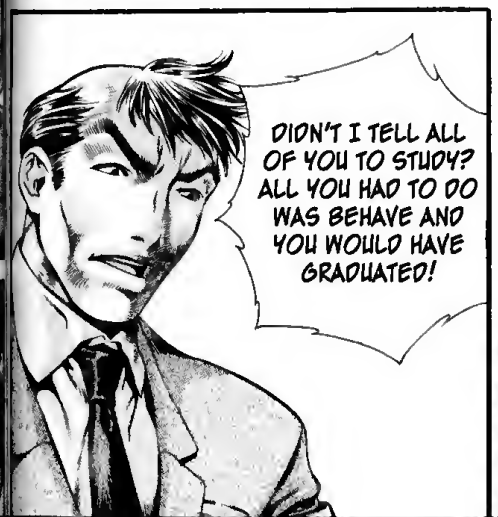
HEY, PUNKS!!
HUH?
HOW'S IT GOIN', JI-SOO?
HUH?

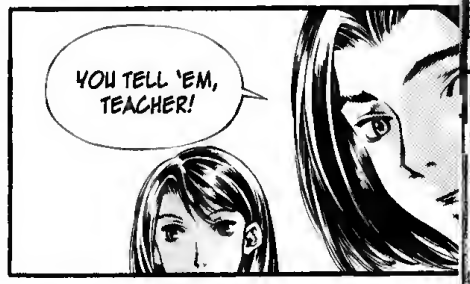
EAT THIS!!

*Oh bah means older brother. A younger girl uses the term for an older boy, regardless of blood relations.



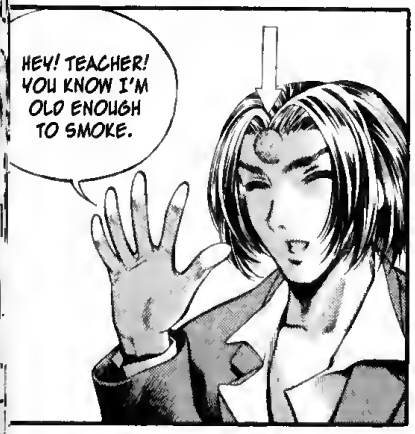


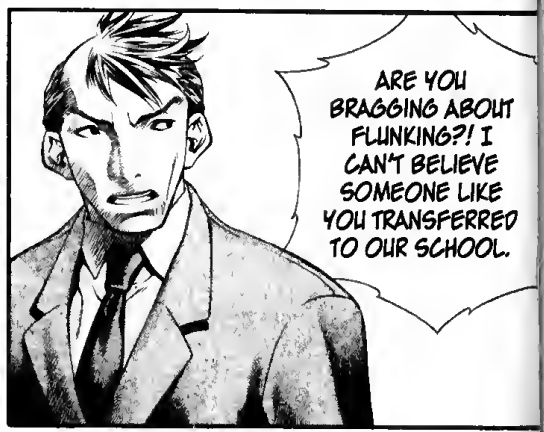


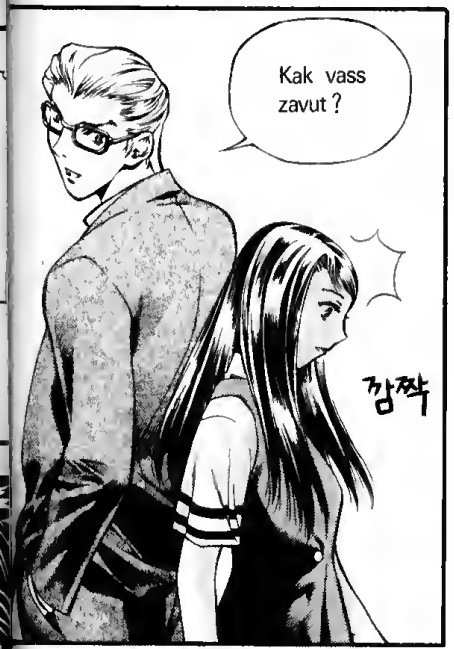


YOU'RE NO BETTER THAN THEM, YOU DUMBASS!
HOW DARE YOU SMOKE AND FIGHT AT SCHOOL!
OUCH!

STUDENTS, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW...
...RUSSIAN LANGUAGE TEACHER, PROFESSOR NICOLAI.
PFFT, OLD FART...


HEY! TEACHER! YOU KNOW I'M OLD ENOUGH TO SMOKE.


ARE YOU BRAGGING ABOUT FLUNKING?! I CAN'T BELIEVE SOMEONE LIKE YOU TRANSFERRED TO OUR SCHOOL.

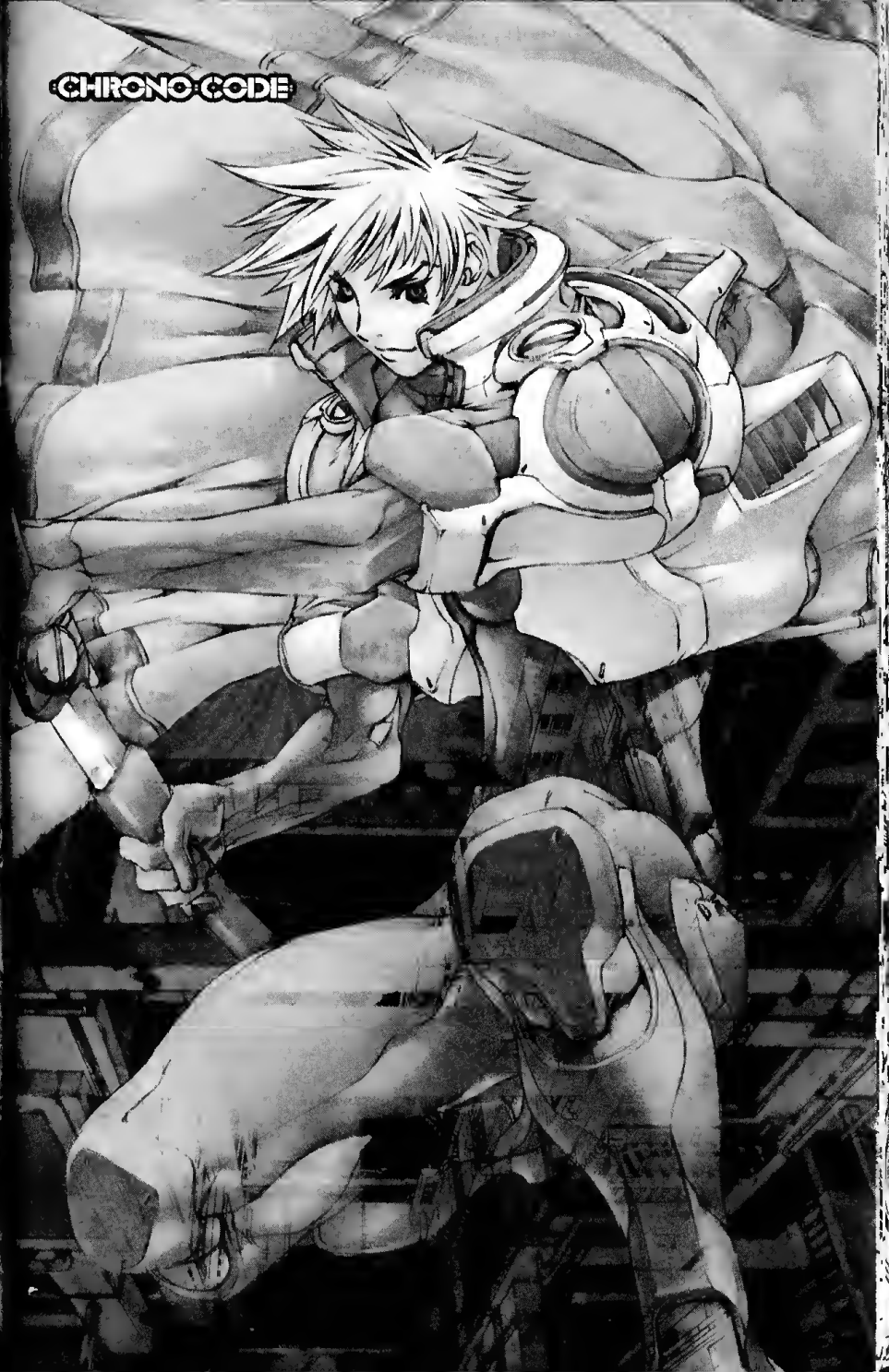

Kak vass zavut ?

Menia zovut JI-SOO. CHUNG.

GET OUT OF HERE!
YES, SIR--
GOODBYE, SIR.

YOU SPEAK RUSSIAN WELL.

LET'S GO, JI-SOO.
CLASS IS STARTING.
HUH? OH...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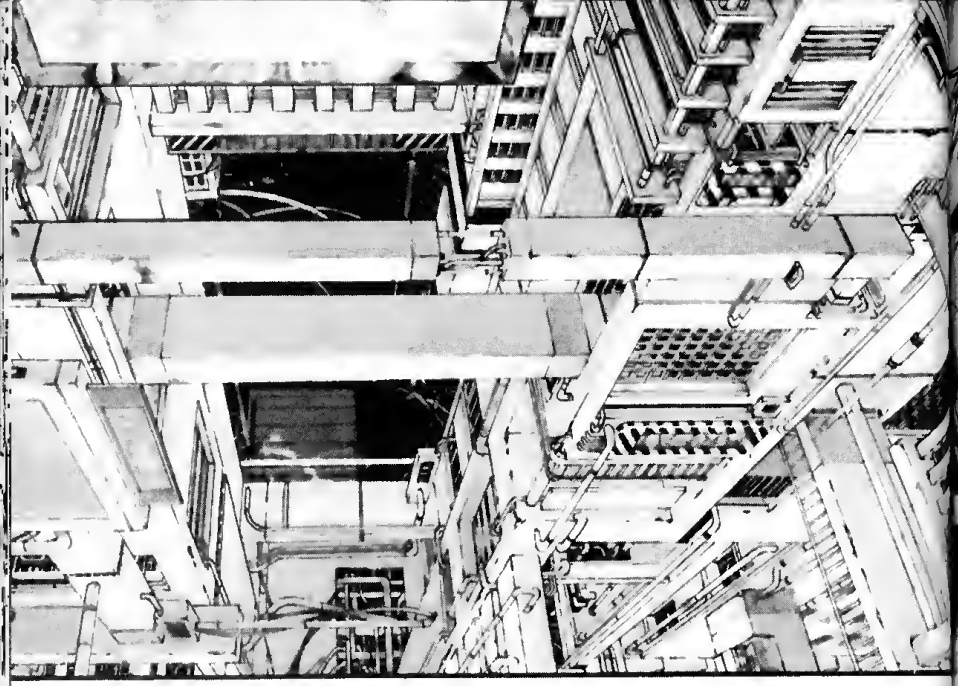

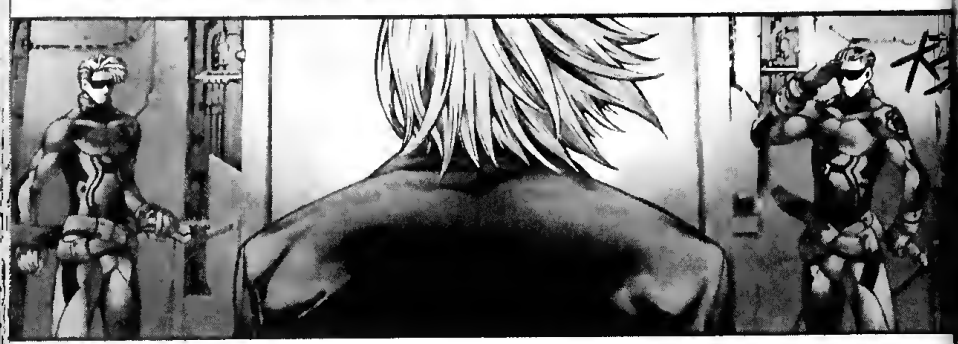

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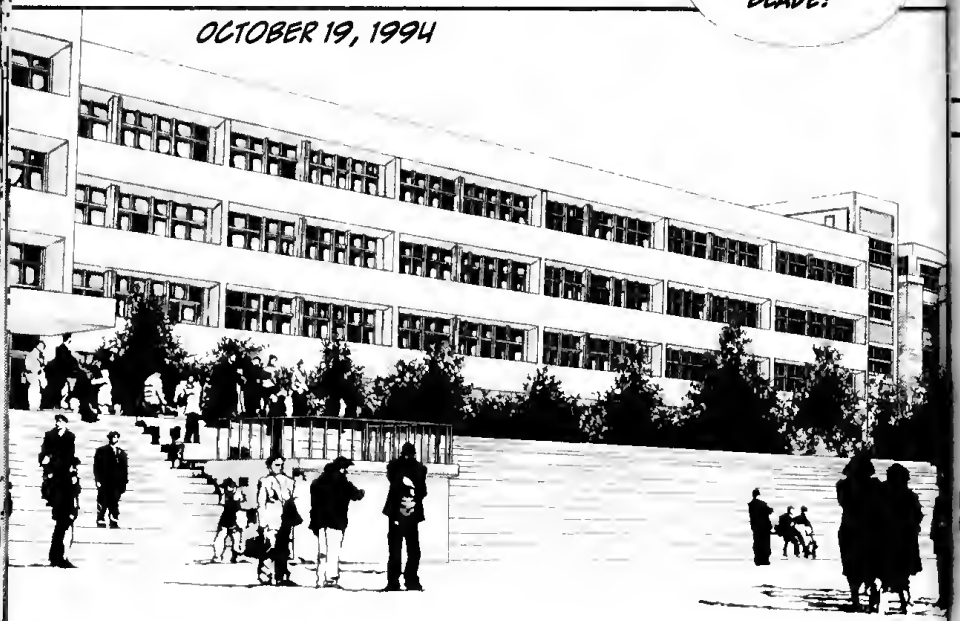
...LIEUTENANT BLADE!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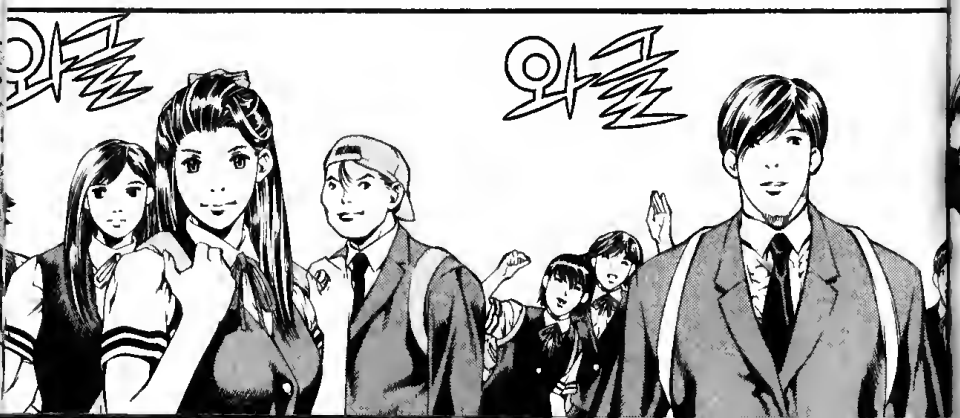
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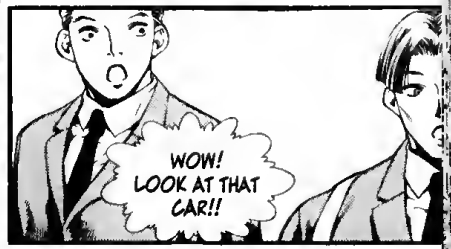
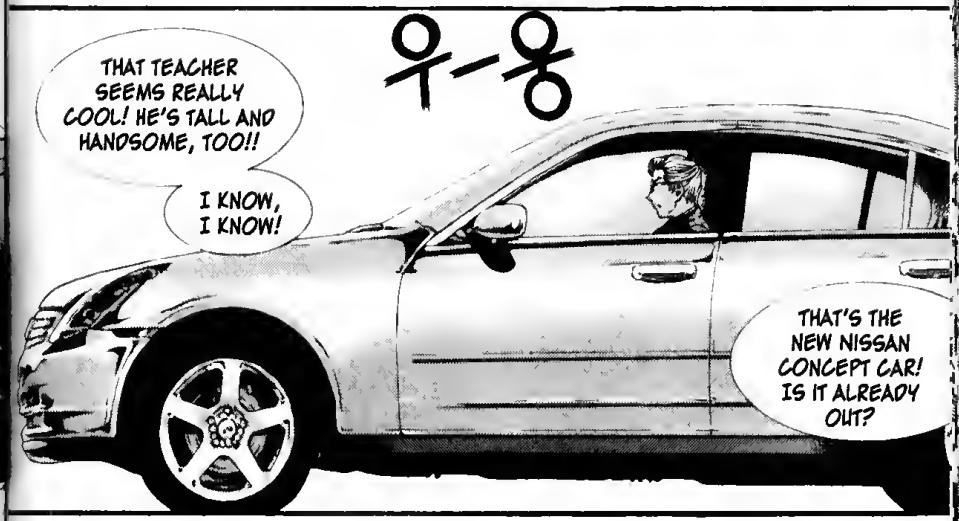
OH, MY GOSH!

IT'S THE NEW RUSSIAN TEACHER!


WOW! LOOK AT THAT CAR!!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THAT TEACHER SEEMS REALLY COOL! HE'S TALL AND HANDSOME, TOO!!
I KNOW, I KNOW!
THAT'S THE NEW NISSAN CONCEPT CAR! IS IT ALREADY OUT?

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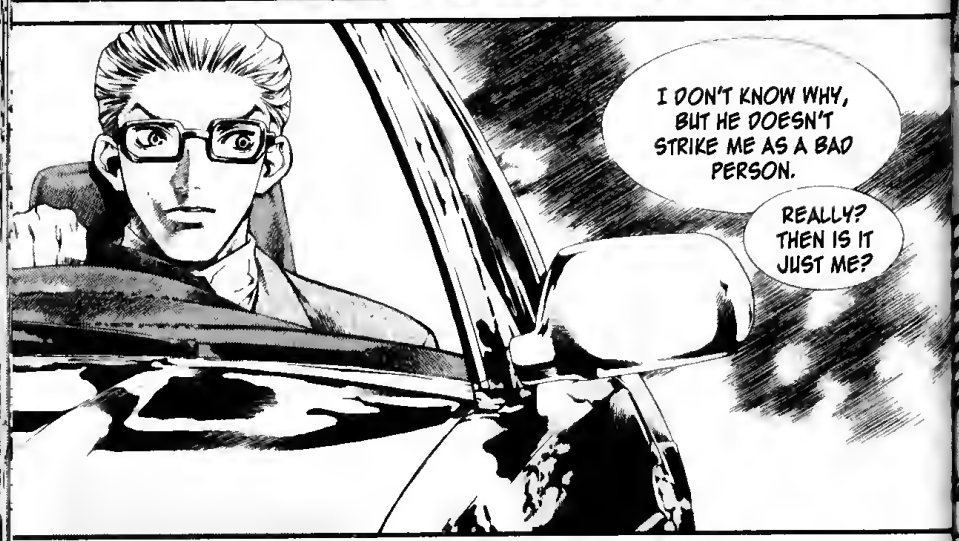
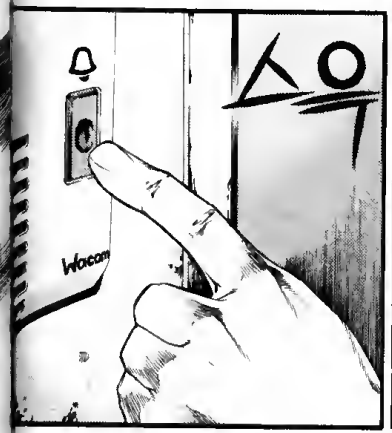
PFFT!

WHAT'S UP WITH THAT TEACHER? JI-SOO, DON'T YOU THINK THAT KIND OF GUY IS SORT OF TACKY?

I...I DON'T KNOW...


I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT HE DOESN'T STRIKE ME AS A BAD PERSON.
REALLY? THEN IS IT JUST ME?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HEY! YOU'RE HOME!
OW!

ANYWAY, ARE YOU GOING TO PRACTICE TODAY?
NOPE, I HAVE SOMEWHERE I NEED TO GO...

OH MY, SORRY!

STOP PRETENDING IT HURTS, AND COME IN.

HUH? WHAT'S ALL THIS?!
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU LIKE KOREAN FOOD?

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WELL I, VALERIA, HAVE PREPARED THIS KOREAN FEAST ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!
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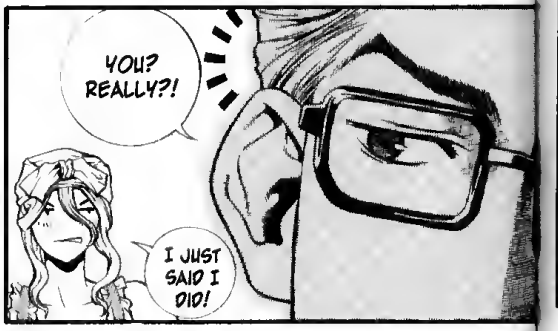
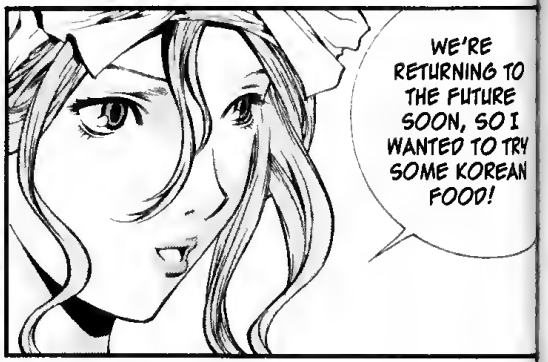
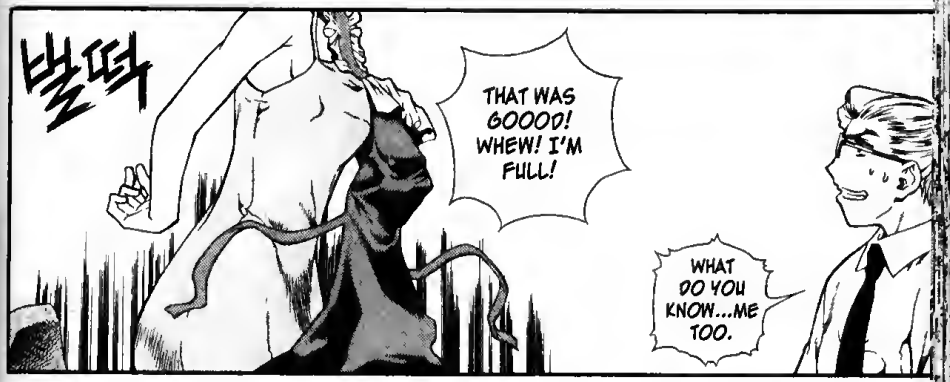
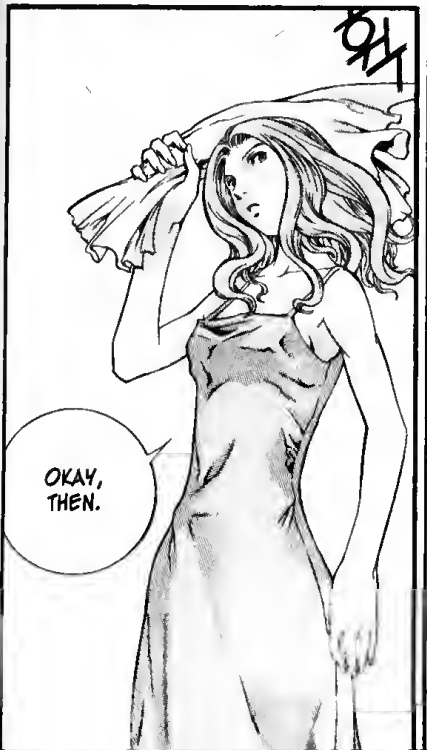
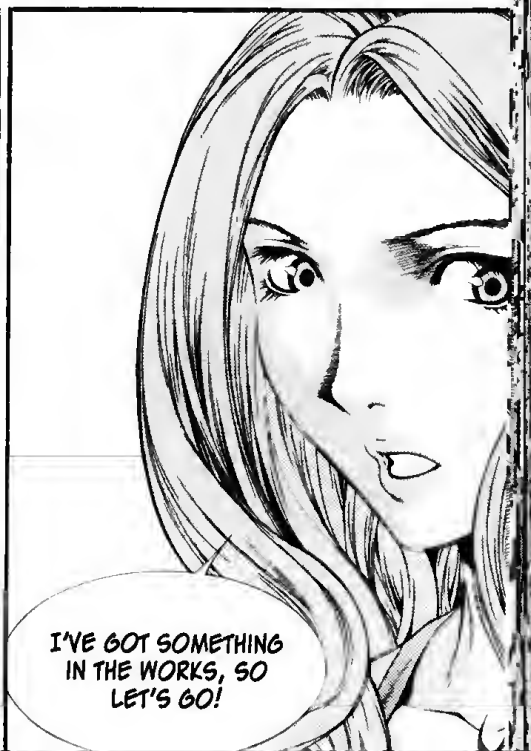

YOU? REALLY?!
I JUST SAID I DID!


WE'RE RETURNING TO THE FUTURE SOON, SO I WANTED TO TRY SOME KOREAN FOOD!


THAT WAS GOOOD! WHEW! I'M FULL!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW...ME TOO.

WELL THEN, SHALL I TASTE IT? THANKS FOR THE MEAL!
TRY NOT TO BE TOO AMAZED.


OKAY, THEN.


I'VE GOT SOMETHING IN THE WORKS, SO LET'S GO!

OH?

THIS PHOTO...WHEN WAS IT TAKEN?

I DON'T KNOW...I'M NOT SURE...

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE NAME 'YUN-WOO'?

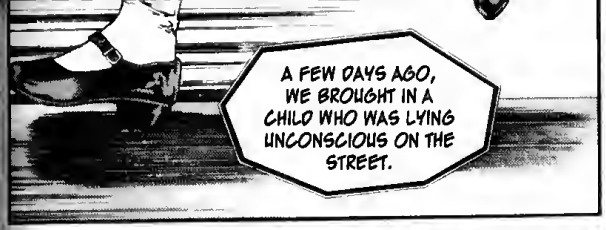
DO YOU KNOW HIM?

Director's Office

DIREC-TOR!

YUN-WOO! YUN-WOO HAS DISAPPEARED AGAIN!

YUN-WOO...



A FEW DAYS AGO, WE BROUGHT IN A CHILD WHO WAS LYING UNCONSCIOUS ON THE STREET.

BUT HE TRIES TO ESCAPE WHENEVER HE CAN...

OTHER THAN REVEALING HIS NAME, 'YUN-WOO', HE REFUSES TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE YOU...

A younger boy calls an older girl *noo-nah. It means older sister.

NOO-NAH!

NOO-NAH!

YUN-WOO...
끼익
YUN-WOO!
HEY! THE TRAFFIC LIGHT'S RED...
YOUNG PUNK... PFFT...
YUN-WOO!!
OH NO!
WE'LL SOON FIND OUT.
GOLD
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OOF!
WHOA!
AAH!
ARE YOU CERTAIN NOW?
STOMP
SUPERHUMAN REACTION SPEED!!

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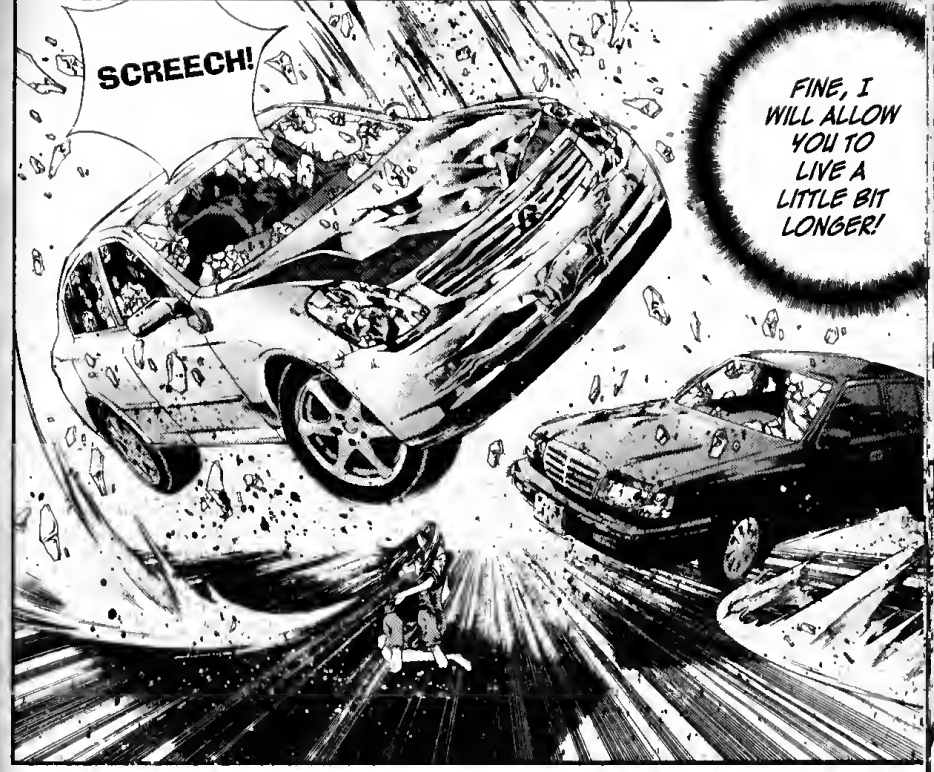
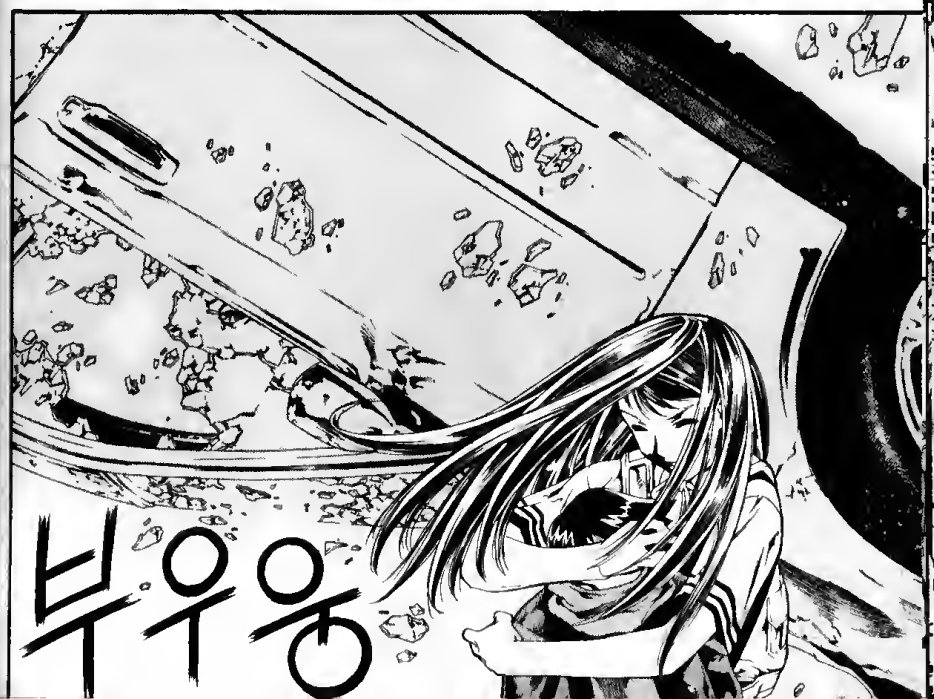

SCREECH!
FINE, I WILL ALLOW YOU TO LIVE A LITTLE BIT LONGER!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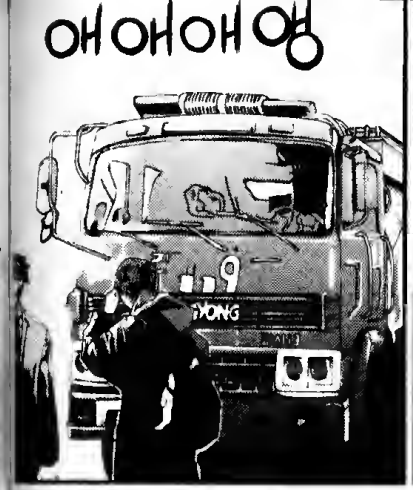
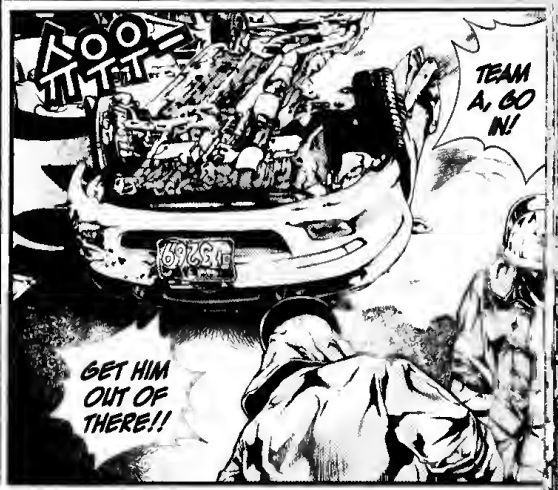
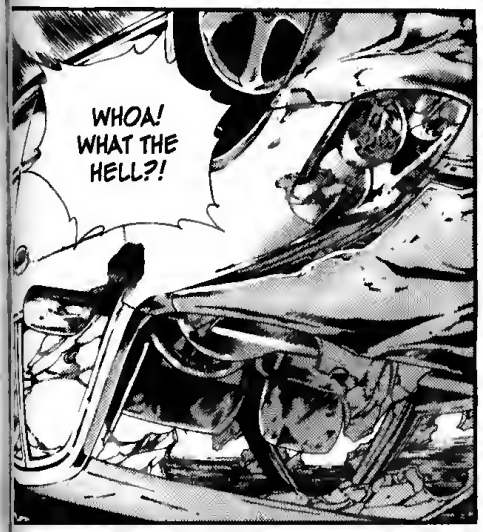
AT LEAST UNTIL THE SECURITY CODE IS SAFELY IN OUR HANDS!!
WHAA--?!
A...CAR CRASH!

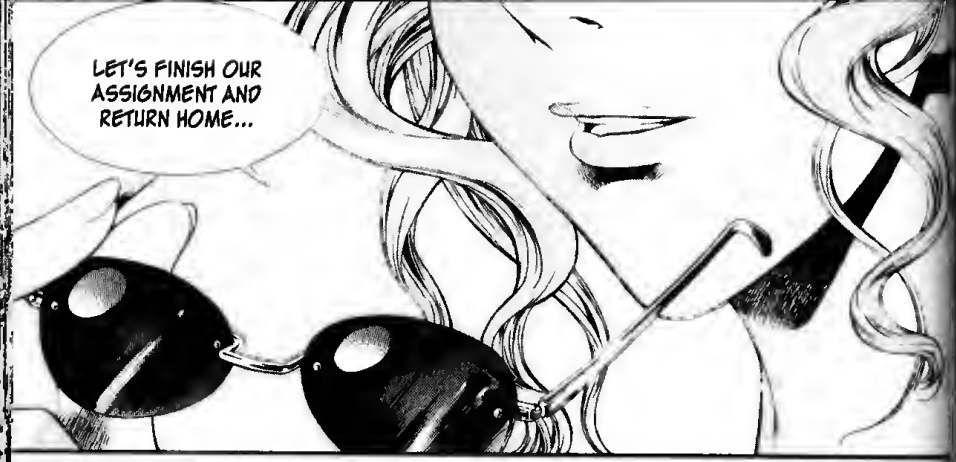

OH OH OH OH


TEAM A, GO IN!
GET HIM OUT OF THERE!!


WHOA! WHAT THE HELL?!

GASP!
THERE... THERE'S NO DRIVER!!

EVERYTHING IS READY.
OH OH OH OH

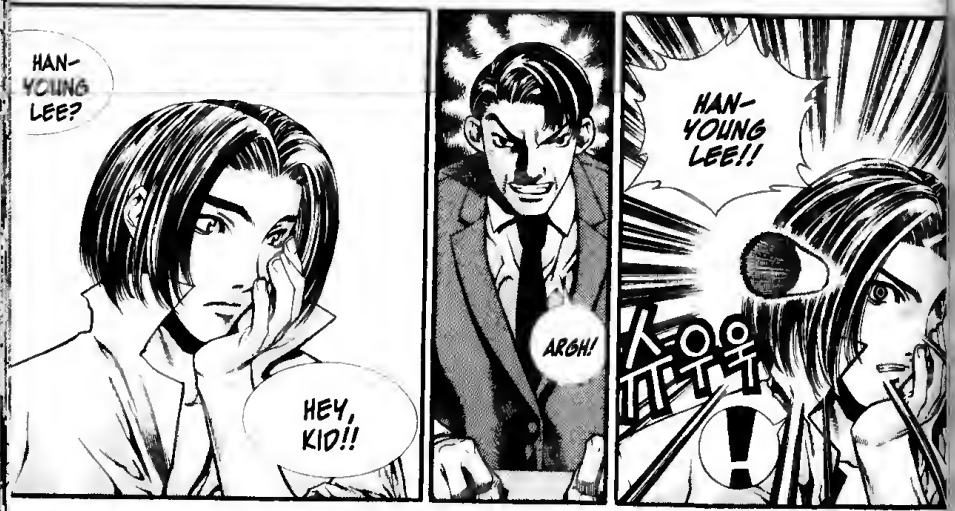

LET'S FINISH OUR ASSIGNMENT AND RETURN HOME...

...BACK TO OUR TIME.
READY, BLADE?

LEAVE IT TO ME. THIS TIME, EVEN IF IT KILLS ME, I WON'T LOSE IT.
pat pat

CHRONO CODE

JAE-YUN CHUNG?
HERE!
SOO-GON KIM?
HERE.
HAN-YOUNG LEE?


HAN-YOUNG LEE?
HEY, KID!!
ARGH!
HAN-YOUNG LEE!!
!

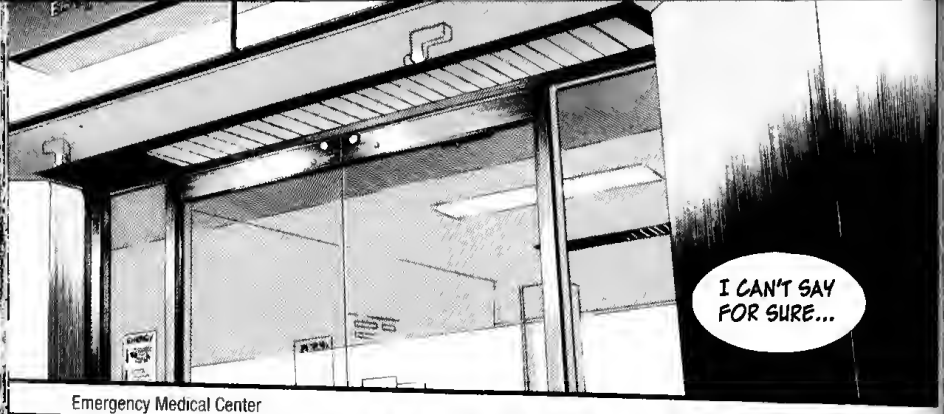
AAH!
ACK!

OH, BY THE WAY...

...JI-SOO WAS IN A CAR ACCIDENT AND SHE'S IN THE HOSPITAL.

FORTUNATELY, SHE ONLY SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES, BUT IT WOULD BE NICE IF ALL OF YOU COULD VISIT HER AT THE HAN SONG HOSPITAL, ROOM 705.
CAR ACCIDENT?

WELL THEN, LET'S CONTINUE OUR STUDIES.
HEY, KID! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!



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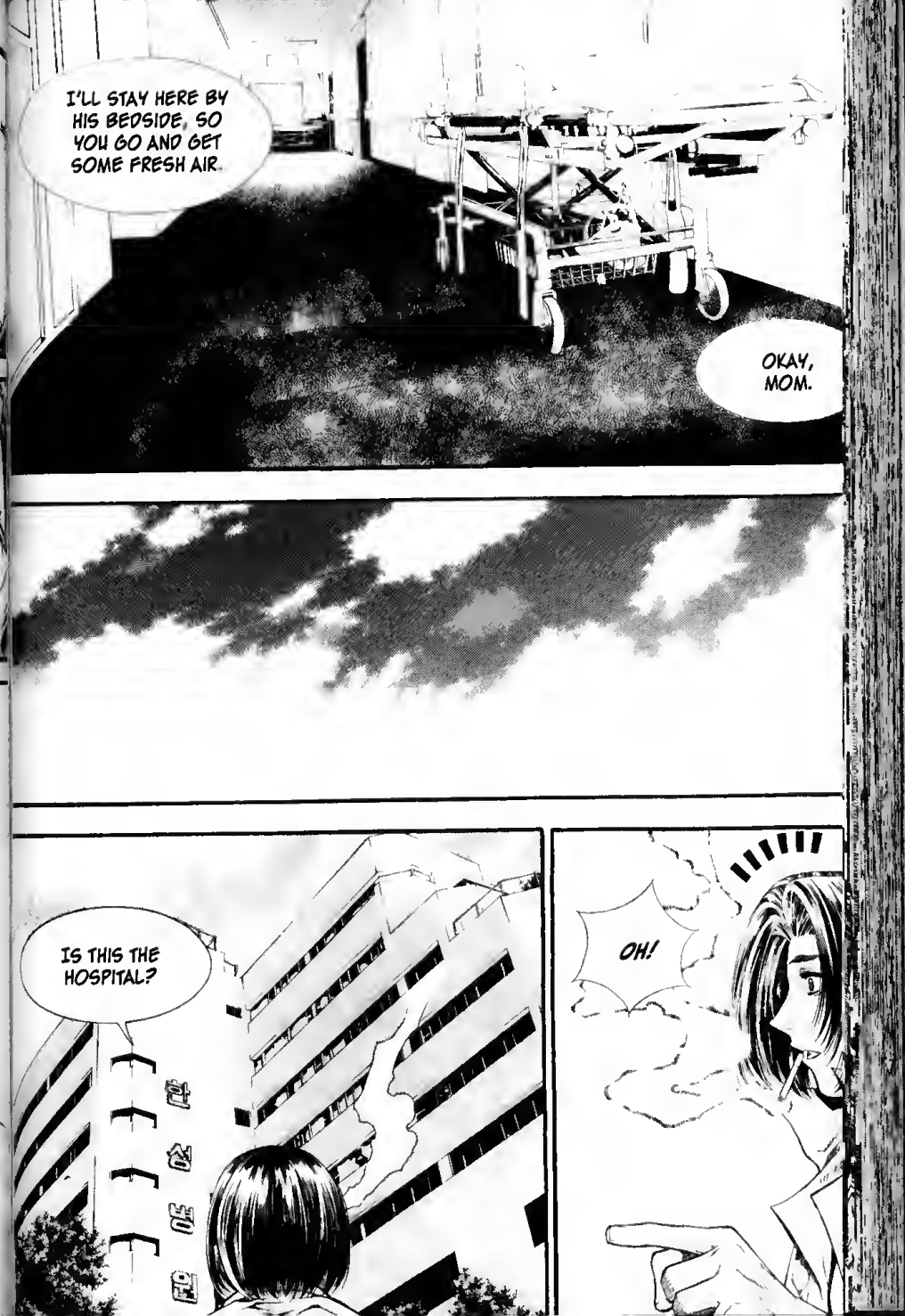
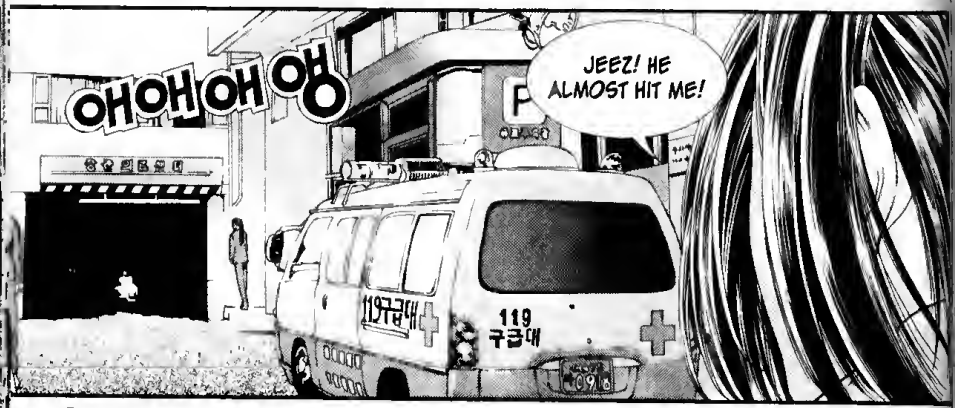
JI-SOO CHUNG
YUN-WOO
YOUR BROTHER REALLY DOES BEAR A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO YOU.
THANKS, MOM, FOR TREATING HIM AS IF HE WERE YOUR OWN CHILD.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU ARE MY DAUGHTER, SO OF COURSE YUN-WOO IS MY SON.


I'LL STAY HERE BY HIS BEDSIDE, SO YOU GO AND GET SOME FRESH AIR.
OKAY, MOM.
IS THIS THE HOSPITAL?
OH!

JI-SOO?

HEY, JI-SOO!
OH OH OH OH

WHOA!
OH OH OH OH


OH OH OH OH
JEEZ! HE ALMOST HIT ME!
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Emergency

HUH?

GASP!
WH-WHO?

!!

HUFF-- PRO-PROFESSOR NICOLAI??

WHY ARE YOU HERE?
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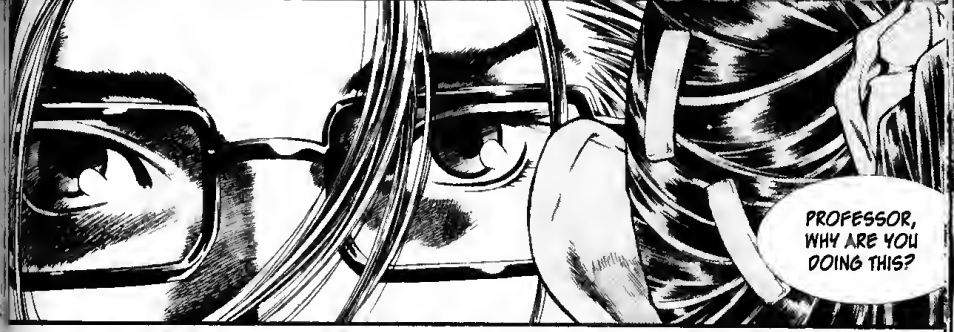

PROFESSOR, WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?

PLEASE LET ME GO! YOU'RE HURTING ME!!
Thump Thump

UNFF! I CAN'T BREAK HIS GRIP!!

YOU'RE HURTING ME! PLEASE LET GO!!
LET GO!
I SAID, LET GO!!

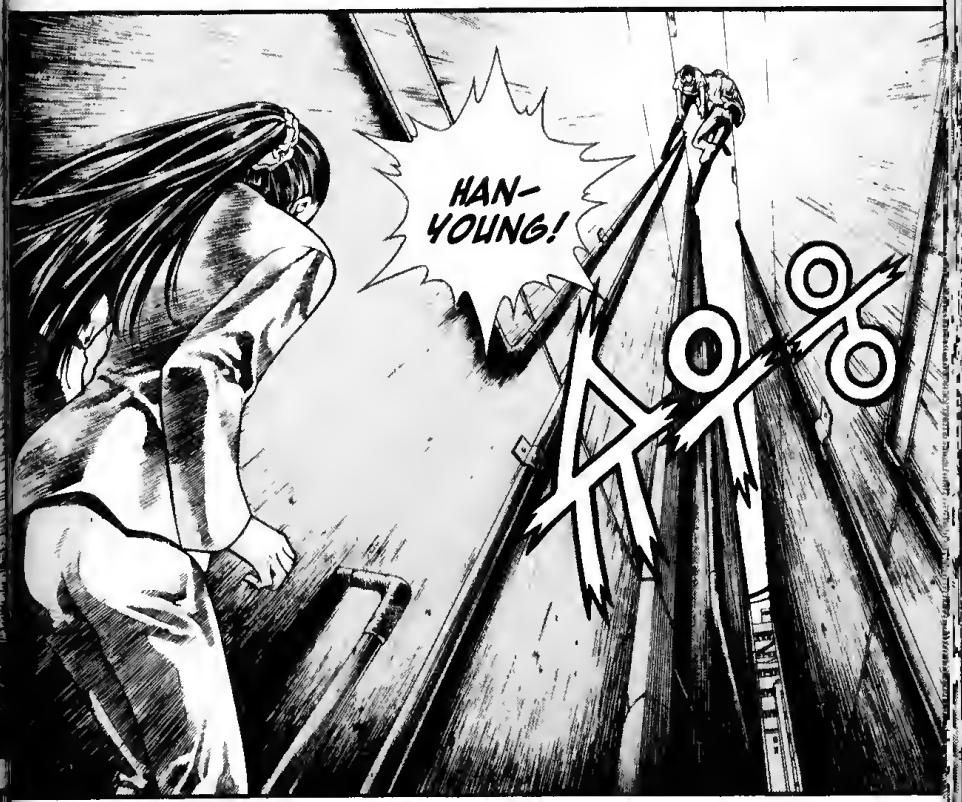
Kick
THAT'S ENOUGH!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
HAN-YOUNG!
YOU! TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF HER--
...NOW!!
EEEE!
Snap!
YOU COWARD!!

WHERE THE--?!
RAAH!
HAN-YOUNG, BE CAREFUL!!

AIEE!!

TUK


HAN-
YOUNG!

WHAT...
WHAT IS
THIS?!

HE'S NOT
HUMAN?!
AAH!

AHHHHH!!
끼아아아
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툭
GRAB MY HANDS!
AAH!
AHHHT!

CHRONO CODE

JI-SOO.
LISTEN TO ME VERY CAREFULLY.

I WANT YOU TO GO BACK TO BEING THAT NORMAL STUDENT 'JI-SOO CHUNG'.
AND NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I DON'T WANT YOU TO LOSE YOUR HEAD, UNDERSTAND?

WHAT...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I'LL CALL YOU.
HAN-YOUNG!

HAN-YOUNG!

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HOLD MY HAND, LITTLE GIRL.

AHH!
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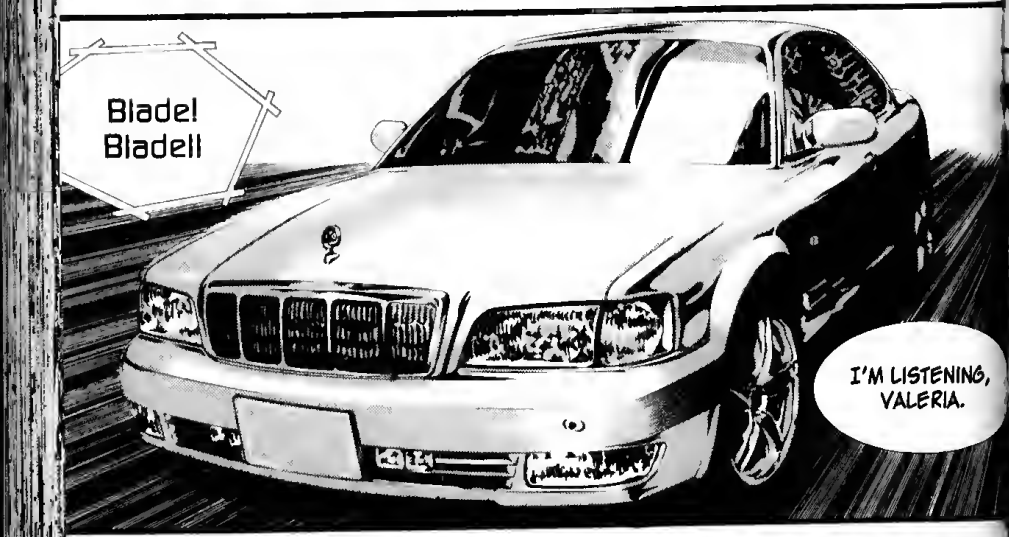
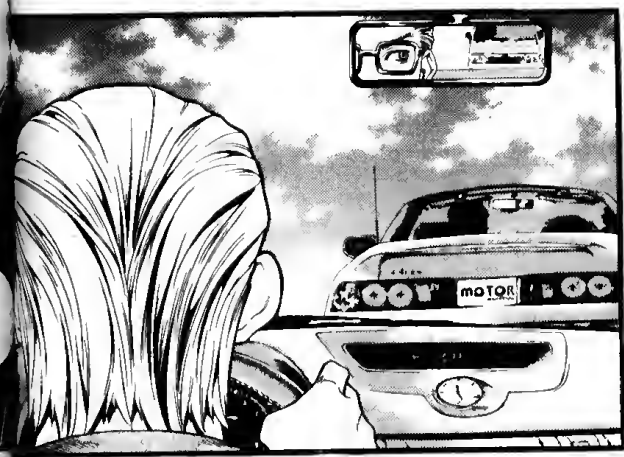
WHAT DID I JUST SEE?

THIS ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN RUSH.

Valeria, let's resume tomorrow. Please proceed to operation C.


Blade! Blade!!
I'M LISTENING, VALERIA.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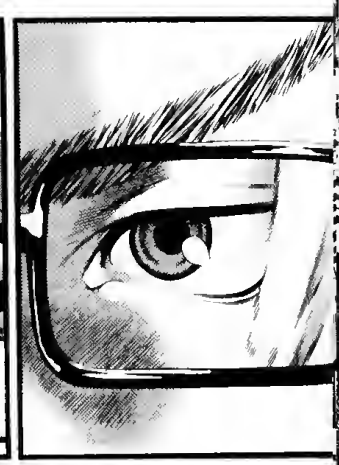
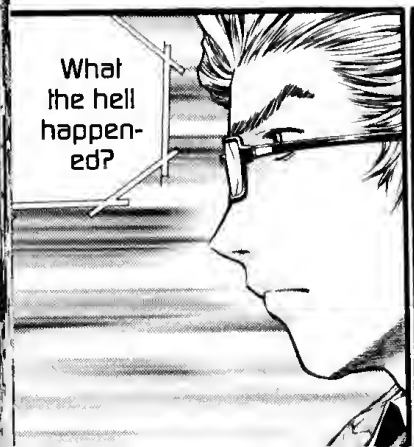
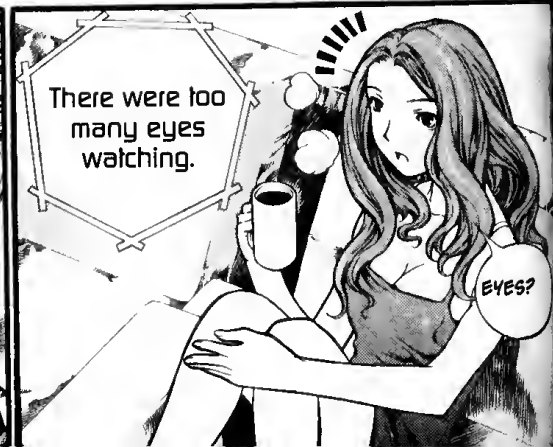



What the hell happened?


There were too many eyes watching.
EYES?

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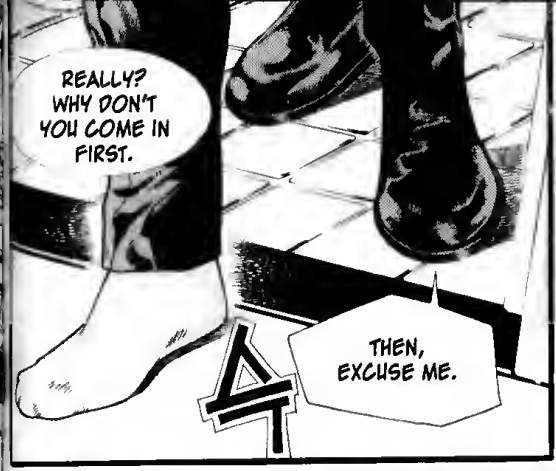
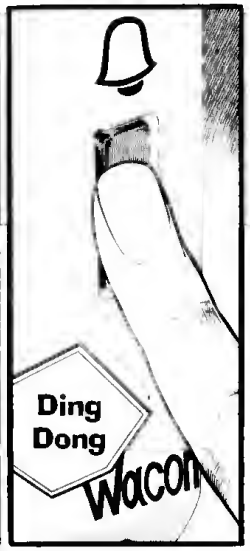

REALLY? WHY DON'T YOU COME IN FIRST.
THEN, EXCUSE ME.

TAKE A SEAT OVER THERE.

Clack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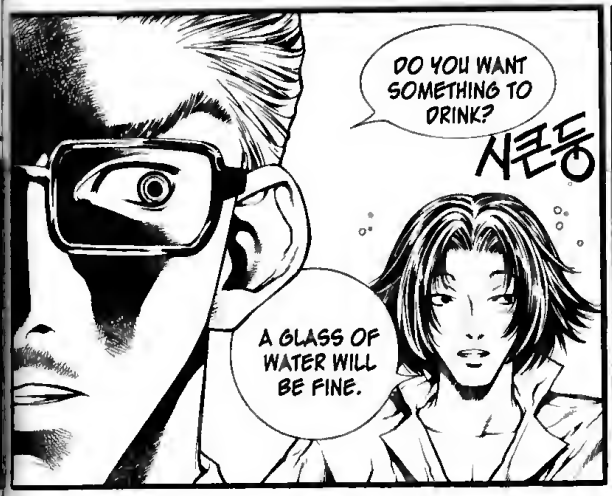
WHO IS IT?


DO YOU WANT SOMETHING TO DRINK?
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A GLASS OF WATER WILL BE FINE.

WHERE'S THE BATHROOM?
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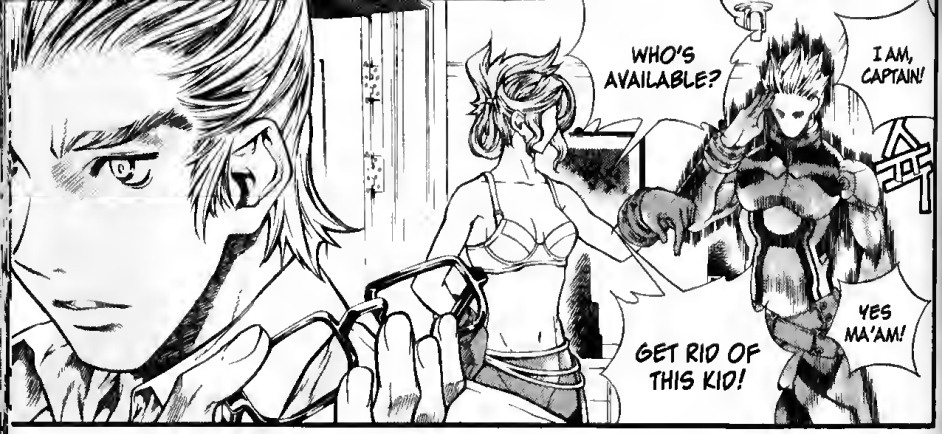
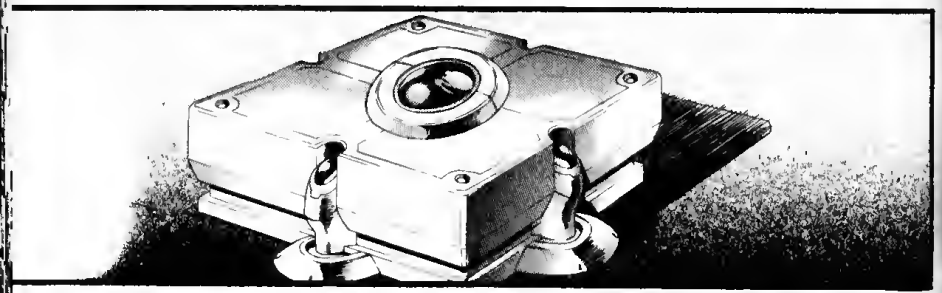
WELL, IF IT ISN'T MY MISCHIEVOUS STUDENT. WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?

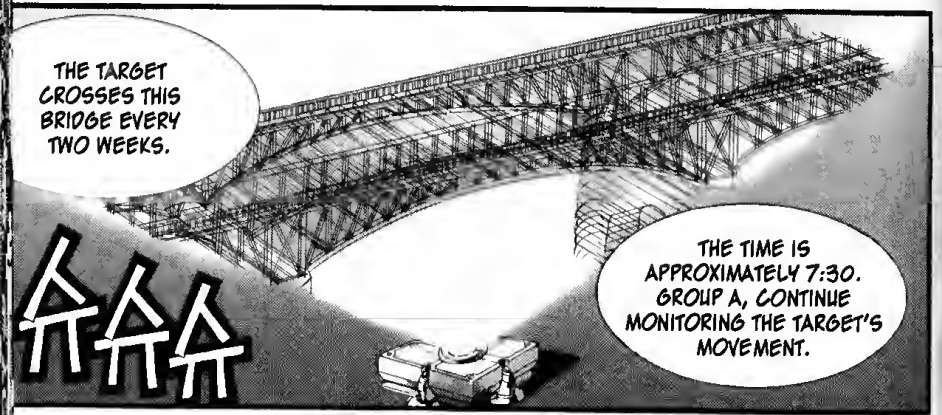
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU TOO, PROFESSOR!
I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER.

IT'S AT THE END OF THE HALLWAY.

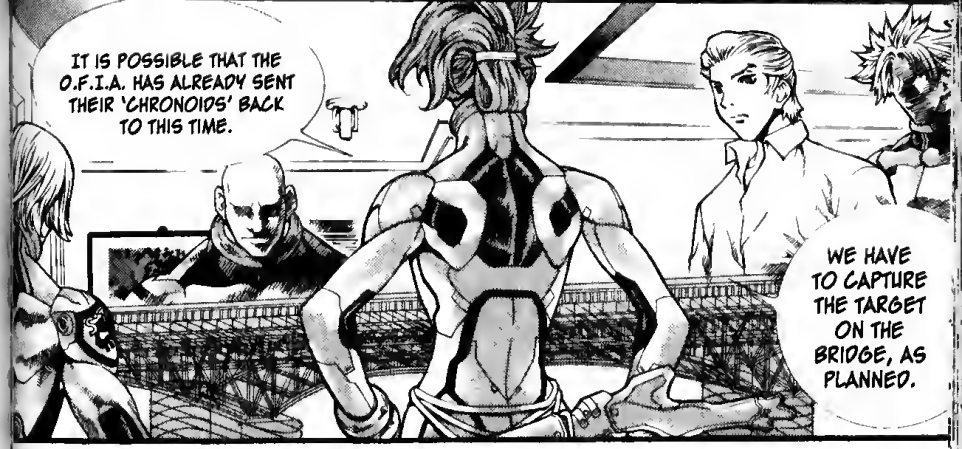
!
HUH?
Foomp
OW!
OH!
WHAT IS IT, BLADE? IS SOMEONE HERE?!
Clak clak
.....
WHO IS THIS KID?!
NO ONE. TIE HIM UP, VALERIA.


WHO'S AVAILABLE?
I AM, CAPTAIN!
GET RID OF THIS KID!
YES MA'AM!




THE TARGET CROSSES THIS BRIDGE EVERY TWO WEEKS.
THE TIME IS APPROXIMATELY 7:30. GROUP A, CONTINUE MONITORING THE TARGET'S MOVEMENT.

TODAY LIEUTENANT CARRION MADE A GRAVE MISTAKE.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO IS WATCHING. WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.


IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE O.F.I.A. HAS ALREADY SENT THEIR 'CHRONOIDS' BACK TO THIS TIME.
WE HAVE TO CAPTURE THE TARGET ON THE BRIDGE, AS PLANNED.

MANY CIVILIANS ARE GOING TO GET HURT, VALERIA...
BLADE!!

YOU'LL ADDRESS ME AS CAPTAIN ROGACHEV WHILE I'M IN COMMAND.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE USE ANY METHOD NECESSARY TO OBTAIN THE TARGET!
TOMORROW WE WILL PROCEED AS PLANNED!

EVEN IF WE HAVE TO LIVE WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF ALTERING THE PAST.

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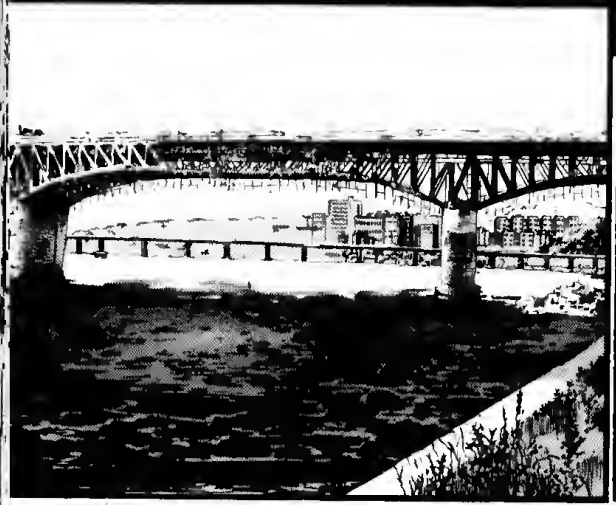

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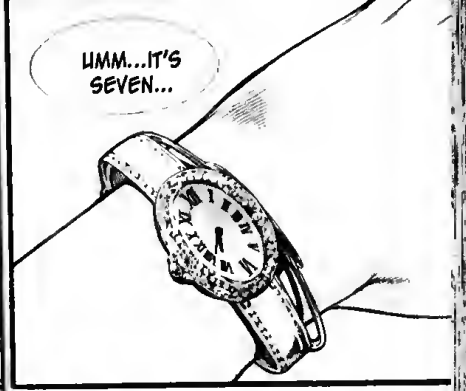

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EEEEEE!!
AHHHH!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
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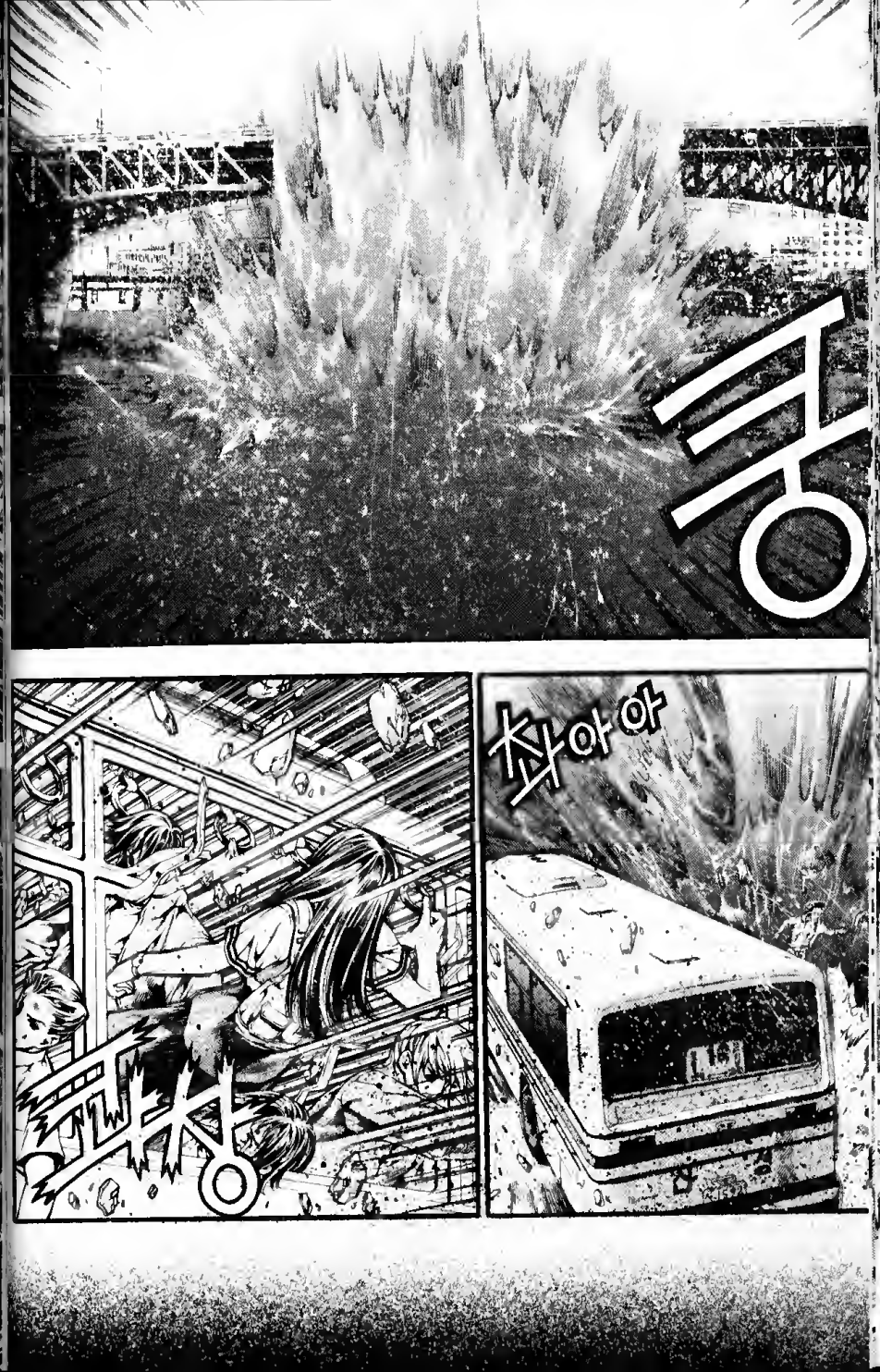
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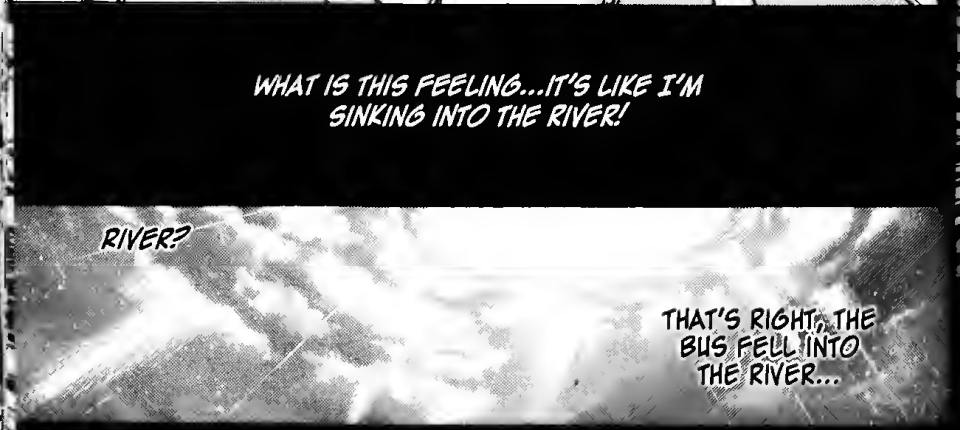

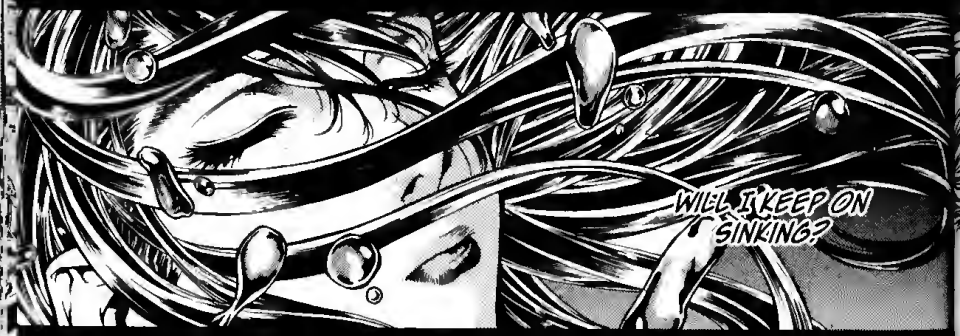

NO! YUN-WOO IS WAITING FOR ME!!

WHY...
...MUST I BE KILLED...
...BY THAT MAN...
PROFESSOR NICOLAI?!
WHY ARE YOU...
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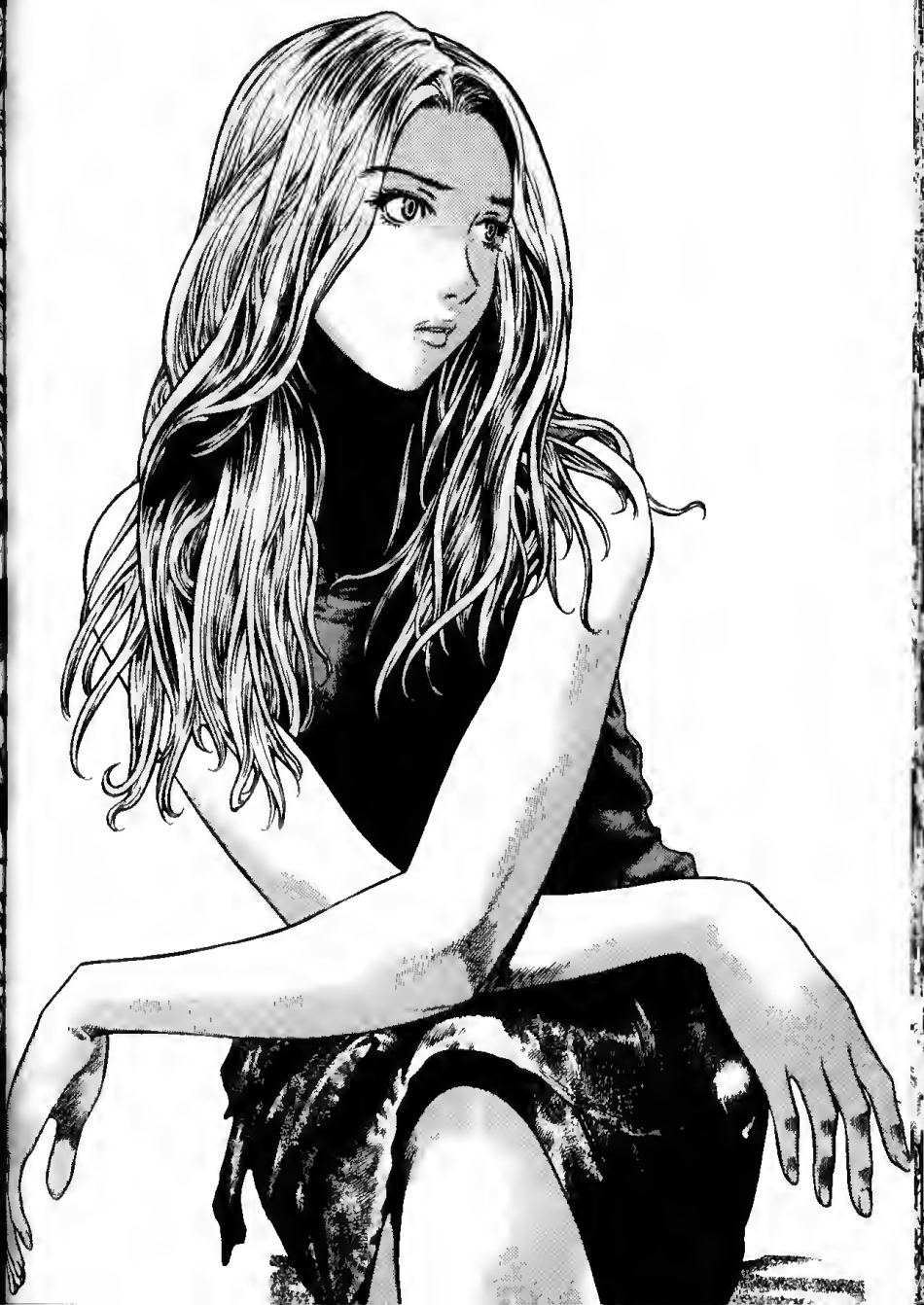
CHRONO CODE



WHILE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE WAS A SUCCESS...
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...MY FAITH IN YOU HAS BEEN DESTROYED.
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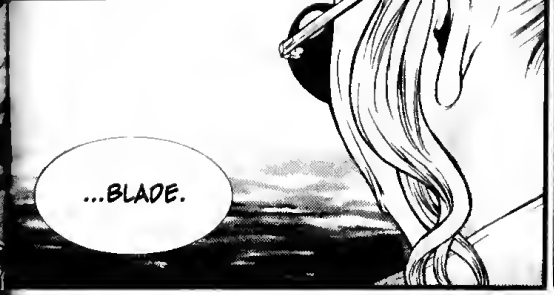
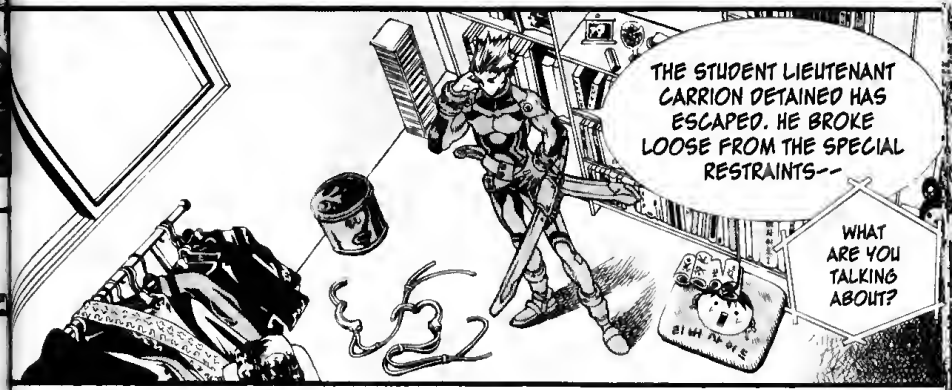
BUT THEN AGAIN...

... THE GIRL WAS... YOUR CHOICE...


...BLADE.

CAPTAIN! CAPTAIN ROGACHEV!


THE STUDENT LIEUTENANT CARRION DETAINED HAS ESCAPED. HE BROKE LOOSE FROM THE SPECIAL RESTRAINTS--
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

IT LOOKS LIKE HE JUMPED OUT THE WINDOW.
ARE YOU KIDDING? IT'S A 14TH FLOOR APARTMENT!!
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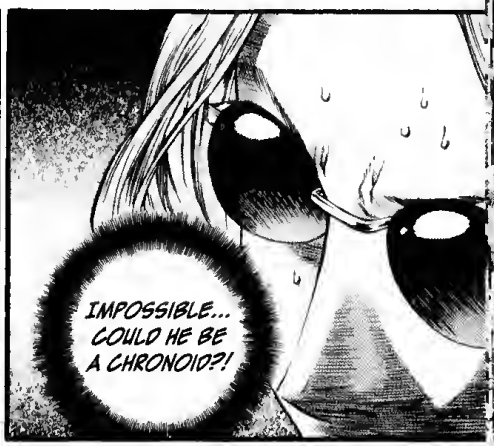
IMPOSSIBLE... COULD HE BE A CHRONOID?!

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BLADE! DID HE KNOW EVERYTHING IN ADVANCE?!

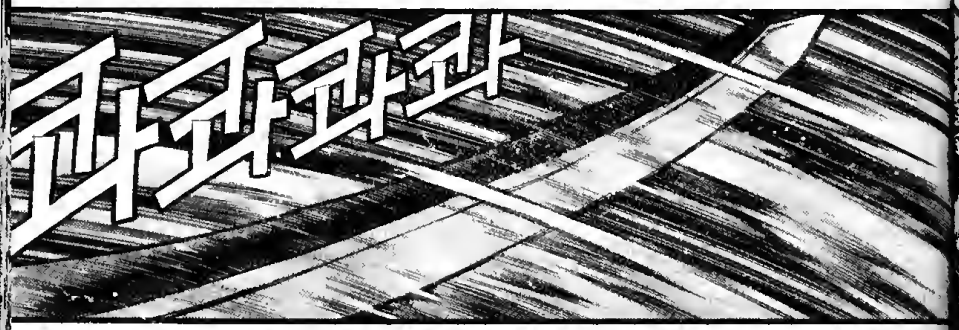
GET OUT OF HERE, YUN-HEE!!
AAH!
WE'RE UNDER-WATER, BUT THAT VOICE...
HURRY!
I TOLD YOU TO GET OUT OF HERE!!
MOVE IT!!
OOF !!
OKAY, OKAY!
WHERE TO?!

GASP!
OH!
WHAT IN THE WORLD?
Seoul Fire Department
I FOUND IT!!
WHAT HAPPENED?!
!!
AIEEE!
I'LL TAKE THAT!

LIEUTENANT CARRION? BLADE, YOU TRAITOR!
CAN I MAKE IT TO THE SURFACE?!
!
URGH!
TRAITOR!!
SHUT UP!!
LEAVE! I DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU!
EEYAAAHH!!
DON'T YOU KNOW?
YOU FOOLS ARE...

...NO MATCH FOR ME!!
URGH!
KUH!
LOOKS LIKE YOU SOMEHOW SURVIVED, KID!
AAGH!

WE'VE PLAYED HIDE AND SEEK A LONG TIME, BUT THE GAME ENDS HERE.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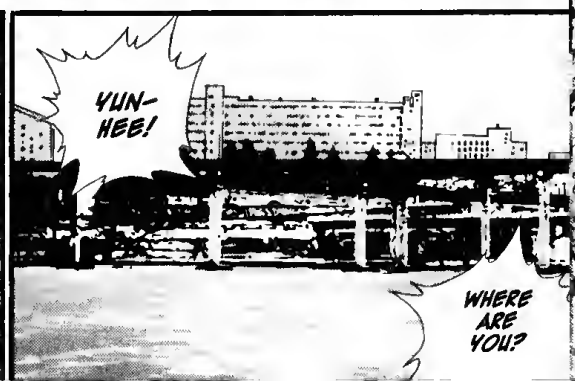
KUGHK!

YUN-HEE, WAIT!

YUN-HEE!


YUN-HEE!
WHERE ARE YOU?

IT'S NOT OVER YET, BLADE!!
I'M SORRY...
...BUT I'M IN A HURRY.
AH...!!

WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU...
...BLADE.
PROFESSOR NIGOLAI...
SO YOU CAN WATCH ME KILL HER...BY TAKING HER HEAD!
YOU CAN'T KILL YUN-HEE.
YUN... YUN-HEE...
WHEN YOU KILL A 'G-CHRONOID,' THE SECURITY CODE FOR RIVERSIDE IS AUTOMATICALLY ERASED.
YOU'RE LYING!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TRYING TO FOOL!!
IT'S THE TRUTH!!
PRO...
PROFES-SOR!!
I TOLD YOU THIS WASN'T OVER!!

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HMMM...NOT BAD...
BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN TAKE ME WITH YOUR LITTLE PLAYGROUND GAMES?
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
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I'M BETTING THAT YOU WILL COME TO ME.
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CHRONO CODE
I JUST WANTED TO JOG YOUR MEMORY, SINCE IT SEEMS THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO FORGET SOMETHING.
STOP...STOP IT.
DON'T THINK ME RUTHLESS. I AM NOT HOLDING HIM HOSTAGE...
O.F.I.A
ARMY
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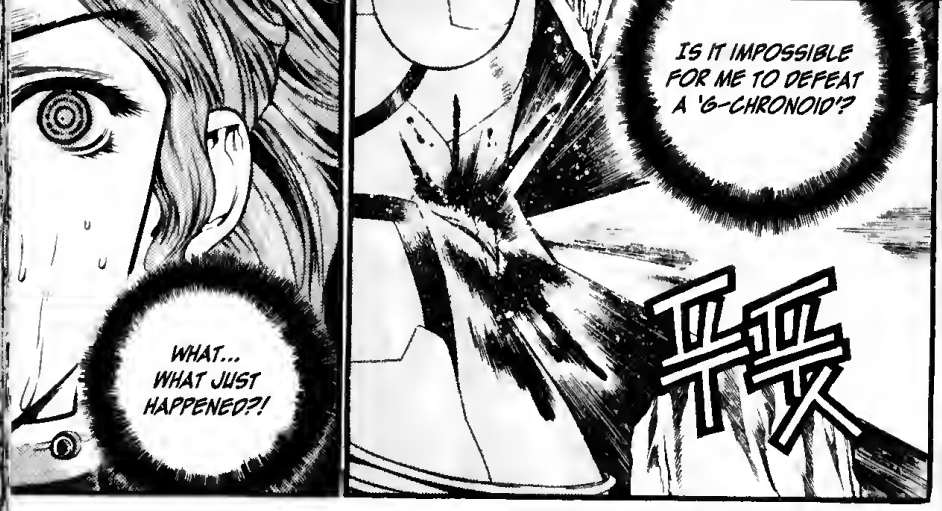
BIG...BIG SISTER...
CAPTAIN...
...SHE SEEMS TO BE IN SHOCK.
DID YOU SEE THAT? THAT WAS YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER.
LOOK AT HIM NOW...
ALREADY? WELL THAT WASN'T MUCH FUN.
SIS...
Beep
AAH... AAH...
YUN... YUN-WOO.


WHAT... WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!
IS IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO DEFEAT A 'G-CHRONOID'?
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TIME TO PUT OUT YOUR LIGHTS!!
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SHE'S STILL UNSTABLE!
HMPH!

YOU BARELY BLOCKED MY ATTACK...
WAS YOUR SPEED JUST A FLUKE? DIDN'T YOU SEE WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
AND THAT WAS JUST A GLIMPSE OF MY SPEED!

NOO-NAH...
UUUUNGH...!!
NOO-N... BZZZT BRRRZT--
YUN...WOO... HOW--HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?!!
KLUD
YOUR BROTHER IS GONE.

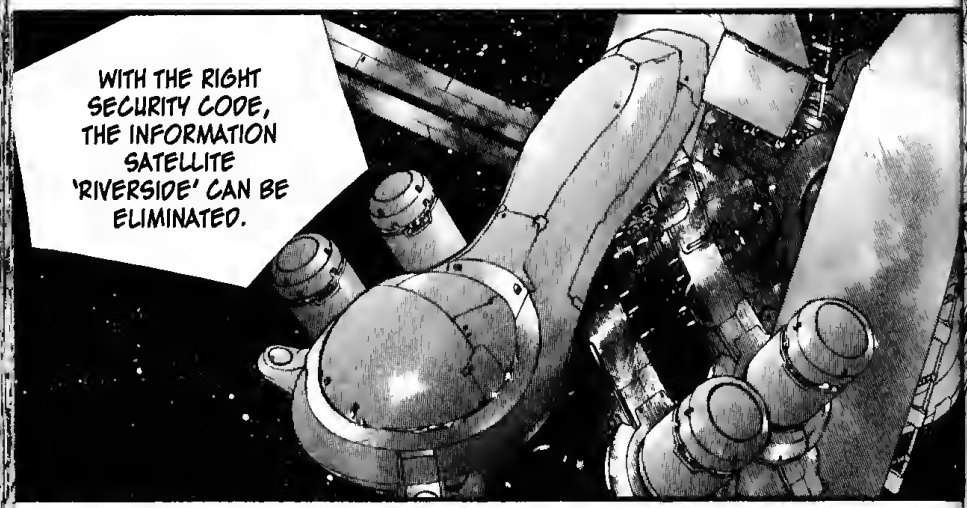
YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO SEE HIM AGAIN.
WHEN YOU KILL A 'G-CHRONOID,' THE SECURITY CODE FOR RIVERSIDE IS AUTOMATICALLY ERASED.
BLADE!
UUNNNH...
FINE, I'LL LET YOU LIVE A LITTLE LONGER... JUST UNTIL I CAN RETRIEVE THE DATA FROM YOU!
BLADE...
UUNH...

ARE YOU AWAKE, CHILD?
LET'S SEE... YOUR NAME WAS YUN-HEE, RIGHT?
MY NAME IS JI-SOO CHUNG!
I'M JUST AN ORDINARY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT!
DO YOU HATE IT WHEN I REFER TO YOU AS A CHILD? THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU, YOU WERE VERY YOUNG.
HMPH, "ORDINARY"?
THEN WHAT'S THAT 'THING' STUCK TO YOUR BACK?
I DON'T KNOW WHY I HAVE THIS DEVICE ON MY BACK! MORE IMPORTANTLY, MY BROTHER...
IDIOT!
YOUR BRO-THER?
YOU ALREADY SAW IT FOR YOURSELF. THAT WAS JUST BAIT I THREW OUT TO YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU, ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD NOW? 40?!
WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?!
SHUT UP!!

LISTEN CAREFULLY!
THE 'G-CHRONOID' ATTACHED TO YOUR BACK CONTAINS DATA THAT CAN END A HELLISH WAR IN THE 23RD CENTURY.

NOW, TELL IT TO ME.
I...I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

OF COURSE YOU DON'T KNOW. NO MATTER, I'VE PREPARED FOR THIS CONTINGENCY.


WITH THE RIGHT SECURITY CODE, THE INFORMATION SATELLITE 'RIVERSIDE' CAN BE ELIMINATED.

WHAT...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
THIS MIGHT BE... PAINFUL.

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YOU HAVE THE PASSWORD TO ACCESS THE DATA IN YOUR 'G-CHRONOID'.

A SWORD?!
HA HA HA! IF YOU KILL ME, THEN THE SECURITY CODE IN MY G-CHRONOID WILL BE ERASED!!
DOCTOR JOSEPH?
YUN-HEE, WE HAVE TO RETRIEVE THE CODE WITHOUT KILLING THE DOCTOR.
BLADE... CARRION!!
YUN-HEE? IS...IS THAT ME?!
LEAVE IT TO ME, BLADE!!
GIVE ME THE ACCESS CODE!
HMM?
THE ACCESS CODE IS...
...I DON'T KNOW...
MY, AREN'T YOU A GOOD GIRL? QUICKLY NOW--
DAMN YOU...!
CARE FOR ANOTHER TASTE OF THIS HYPNOTIC COCK-TAIL?
I'VE ALREADY GIVEN YOU THE MAXIMUM DOSAGE LEVEL FOR A NORMAL HUMAN, BUT SINCE YOU'RE A CHRONOID, YOU CAN HANDLE MORE.

WITH LUCK, YOU CAN SURVIVE THIS MUCH--

IT'S...IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE...

IT'S NOT TOO LATE.

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, VALERIA?

B-BLADE!!

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE AN EASY KILL, BUT FOR YOU TO COME HERE? SUCH AUDACITY!!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU BEFORE?
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THIS TIME...
...I WILL NOT LOSE YUN-HEE!!
IS THAT WHAT YOU MEANT?
WELL I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND, BLADE. MY APOLOGIES.
BACK OFF, VALERIA. I'M ASKING YOU...AS A FRIEND.
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S.T. RANGER 'GAIYA' TEAM'S FIELD LEADER, LIEUTENANT BLADE CARRION...
...DURING THE SECURITY CODE RETRIEVAL OPERATION IN OCTOBER 1994, YOU KILLED YOUR FELLOW SOLDIERS AND ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE WITH THE CAPTURED TARGET.
WITH THE AUTHORITY GIVEN TO ME AS CAPTAIN, I CHARGE YOU WITH THE CRIME OF TREASON...
...AND SENTENCE YOU...
... TO IMMEDIATE DEATH.
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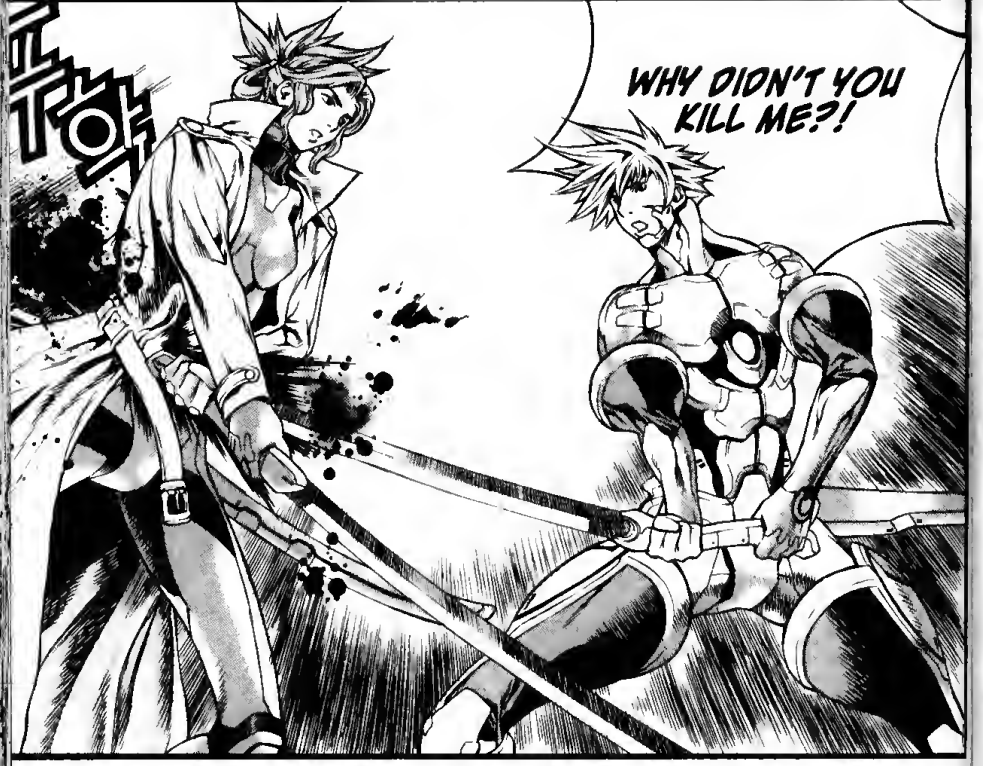
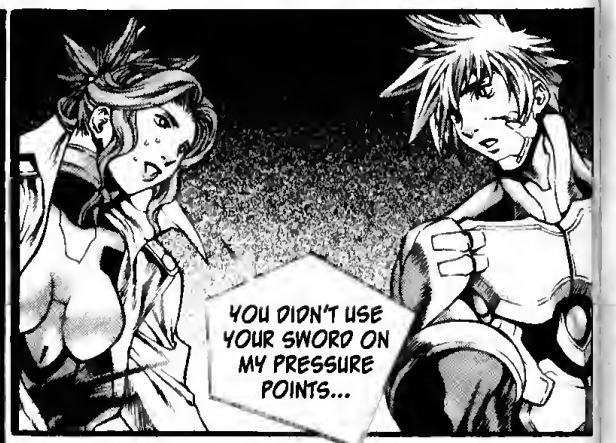
CHRONO CODE

THE YEAR 2275
IO--
--IDIOT.
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO COME RESCUE ME?
TURN BACK. YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE LIKE A DOG!
INSIDE THE 'KAHN VEY'...
SHUT UP! WE EITHER RETURN TOGETHER...
...OR WE DIE TOGETHER!
THAT MAN...HOLDS MY HOPE...AND MY LOVE.
BLADE!!

YOU, TRAITOR!! I'LL KILL YOU!!!
VALERIA, WHAT...WHAT HAPPENED...?


WHY DIDN'T YOU KILL ME?!

BLADE...


YOU DIDN'T USE YOUR SWORD ON MY PRESSURE POINTS...

KUK!!

I JUST...
I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING...

DO YOU REMEMBER HOW YOU RESCUED ME FROM THE 'KAHN VEY'?

BLADE...
IF I KILL YOU WITH MY OWN HANDS...

...I COULDN'T BEAR LIVING WITH THAT GUILT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
SILLY... AREN'T I?

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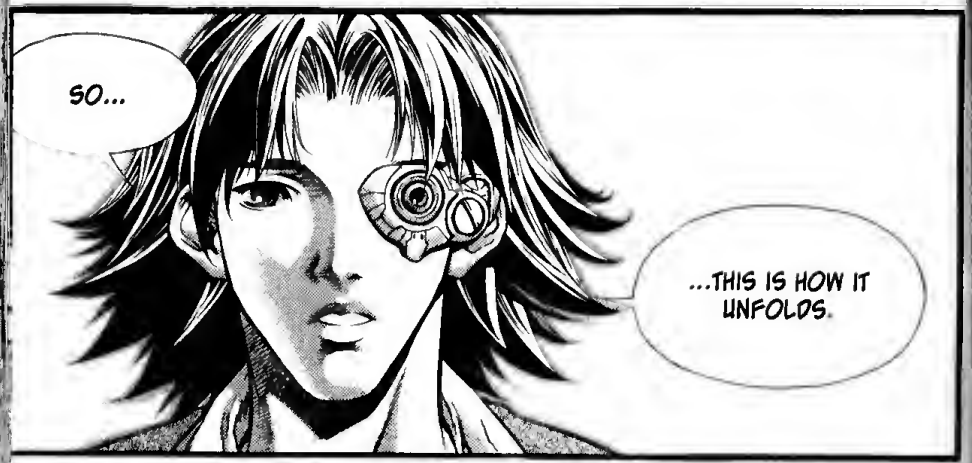
SO...
...THIS IS HOW IT UNFOLDS.

THE RIVER OF TIME...
YOU CAN SWIM AGAINST THE RIVER'S CURRENT BUT YOU CAN'T CHANGE ITS COURSE?

NOW I'D BETTER START MOVING, TOO.
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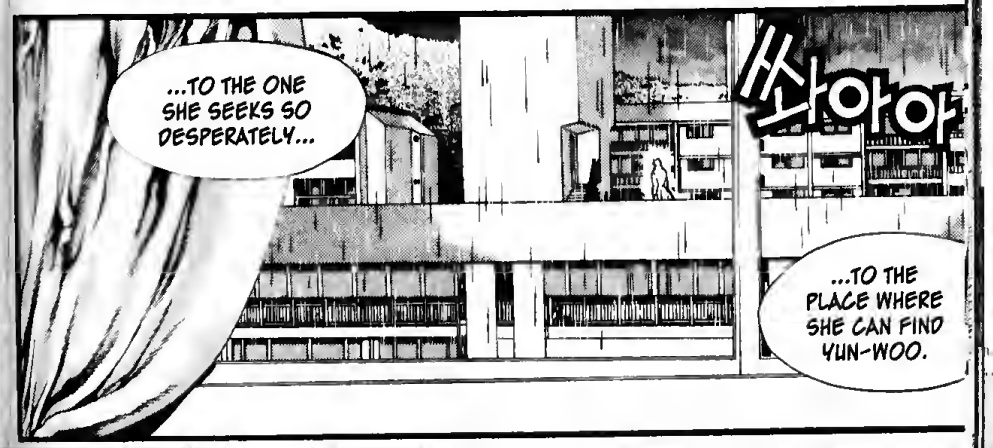
BLADE...
...I KNOW IT MIGHT BE PAINFUL, BUT I'M GOING TO TAKE YUN-HEE AWAY FROM YOU...


...TO THE ONE SHE SEEKS SO DESPERATELY...
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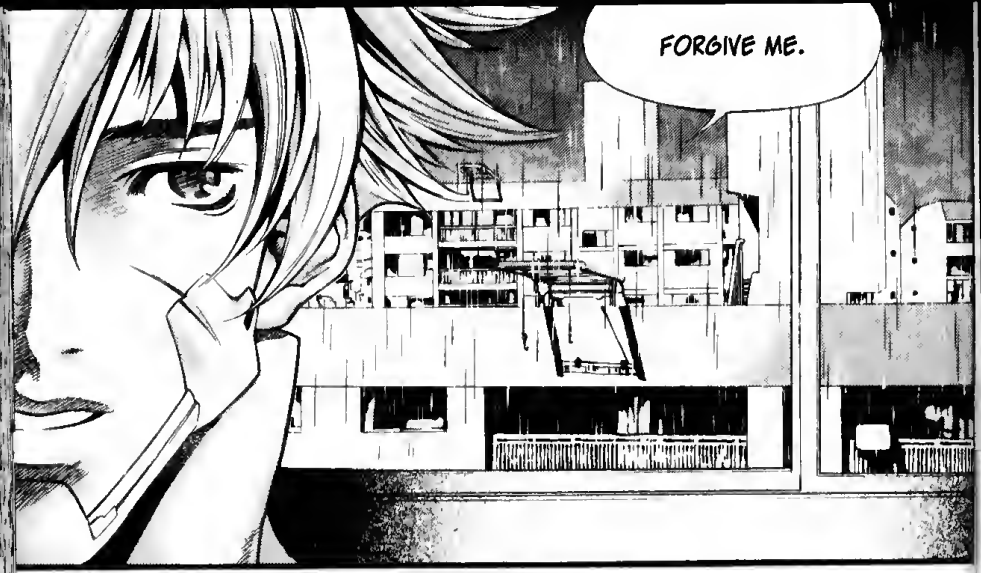
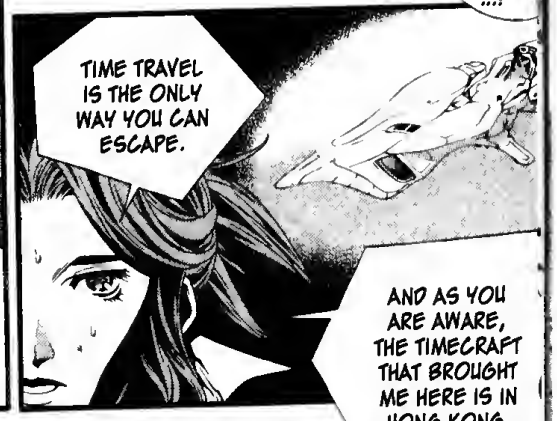
...TO THE PLACE WHERE SHE CAN FIND YUN-WOO.

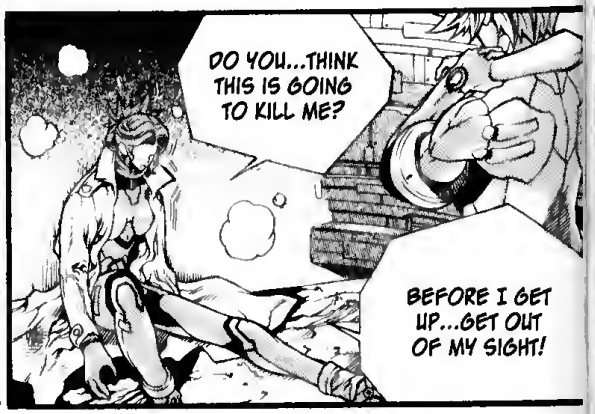

FORGIVE ME.

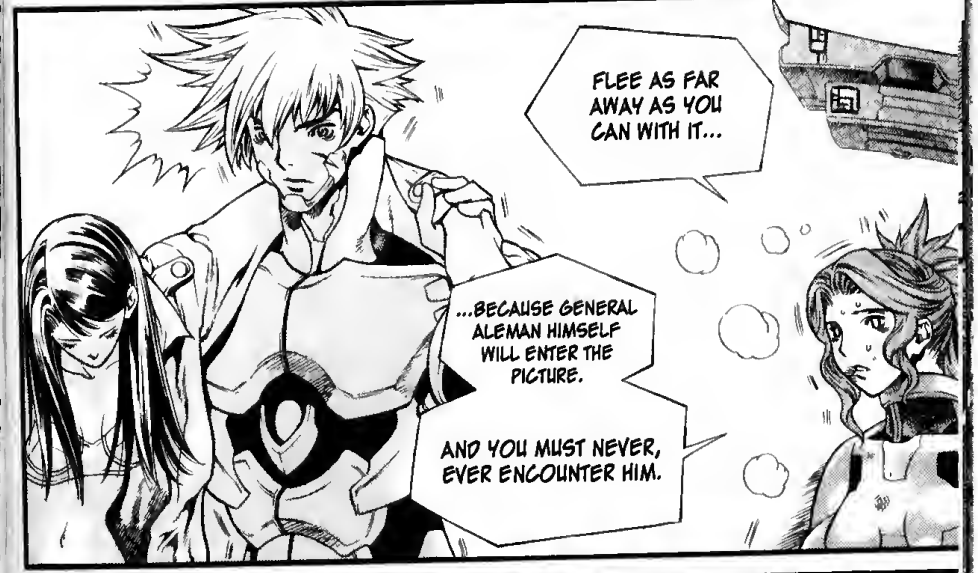
ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE THE GIRL OUT OF HERE DRESSED LIKE THAT? IDIOT...
TAKE MY COAT!

WHERE ARE YOU HEADED? HONG KONG?!
HOW... HOW DID YOU KNOW ...?


TIME TRAVEL IS THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN ESCAPE.
AND AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE TIMECRAFT THAT BROUGHT ME HERE IS IN HONG KONG.

VALERIA, FORGIVE ME...
HUFF
HUFF
SHUT... SHUT UP.


DO YOU...THINK THIS IS GOING TO KILL ME?
BEFORE I GET UP...GET OUT OF MY SIGHT!


FLEE AS FAR AWAY AS YOU CAN WITH IT...
...BECAUSE GENERAL ALEMAN HIMSELF WILL ENTER THE PICTURE.
AND YOU MUST NEVER, EVER ENCOUNTER HIM.

VALERIA...WE WON'T MEET AGAIN.

BLADE, WAIT!

I KNOW SOMEDAY YOU'LL GET YOUR REVENGE.
THANK YOU VALERIA.

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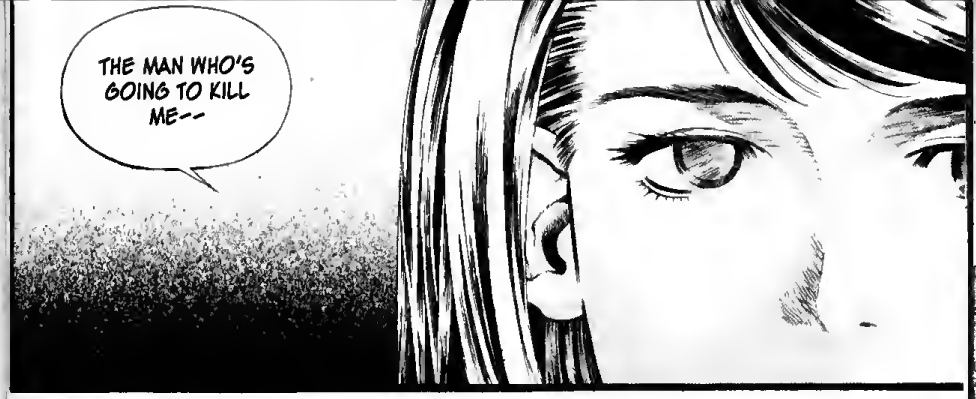
YUN-HEE, SNAP OUT OF IT!
BLADE... CARRION...
YUN-HEE!


THE MAN WHO'S GOING TO KILL ME--

WAKE UP! DON'T YOU REMEMBER? I WON'T HURT YOU!!
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PLEASE...SAVE ME.
TWITCH
YUN-HEE!!

TRY TO REMEMBER. I SWORE I'D WATCH OVER YOU. WHATEVER HAPPENS, I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU...

I CAN'T REMEMBER...I'M NOT YUN-HEE. MY NAME IS JI-SOO CHUNG!!
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Front lobby. The doors are opening; please let passengers off of elevator.
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YOU...YOU ARE NOT JI-SOO CHUNG! THAT'S AN ALIAS THAT WAS CREATED HERE!! WE DON'T BELONG IN THIS TIME PERIOD...
The doors are opening; please wait.

Lieutenant Blade Carrion, you may step out now.
YUN-HEE, TRY TO REMEMBER HOW FAR WE HAVE TRAVELED DOWN THE RIVER OF TIME TO REACH THIS PLACE...
THE YEAR 2274.
GENERAL ALEMAN, I APOLOGIZE FOR MY FAILURE.
DID YOU LOSE DOCTOR JOSEPH? DON'T DWELL ON IT TOO MUCH, LIEUTENANT BLADE.

YOU AND ME...WE'RE STRANGERS FROM THE 23RD CENTURY.

To be continued...

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